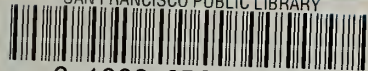


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**Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting #1:**  
**March 1st, 2000, 6 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Room 201**

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## AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Overview of Task Force
  - \* Roll and purpose of Task Force (terms & requirements)
- III. Review Year-Agenda
- IV. Review OB Priority Issues (source OB Task Force Planning Meeting) and Subcommittees
- V. Break into Subcommittees, Sub-committees meet to identify year one priorities
- VI. Full Task Force re-gather, report on plans
- VII. Set regular schedules and location for monthly meetings
- VIII. Adjourn

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Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting #2 Minutes:

April 5, 2000 6pm Sunset Cooperative Nursery School 4245 Lawton Ave.

Minutes taken by Francesca Vietor-plenary and Policy Subcommittee; Clay Bennett-Rec & Access Subcommittee; Amy Quirk-Natural Resource Subcommittee; Kevin Knuuti and Bob Battalio-Physical Processes Subcommittee. Prepared by Lara Truppelli

In attendance:

Bob Battalio, Philip Williams & Associates (Chair Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
Marc Beezy, resident of the Sunset District (Member of the Natural Resources Subcommittee),  
Clay Bennett, SF Chapter of the Surfrider Organization (Chair Recreation & Access Subcommittee),  
LaMonte Bishop, Assemblymember Kevin Shelley's Office,  
Bob Deliso, SF ZOO,  
Chris Desser, California Coastal Commission Commissioner (Member of the Policy Subcommittee),  
John Dingler, USGS (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
Lesley Ewing, California Coastal Commission (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
Frank Filice, the DPW (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
Vivian Goodwin, Coalition to Save Ocean Beach,  
Daphne Hatch, GGNRA/NPS (Member of the Natural Resources Subcommittee),  
Alan Hopkins, the Golden Gate Audubon Association (Co-Chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee),  
Linn Jensen, Headlands Institute,  
Peggy Kala-Hubacker, resident of the Sunset District (Member of the Recreation and Access Subcommittee),  
Chris Kern, the California Coastal Commission (Co-chair of the Policy Subcommittee),  
Kevin Knuuti, the US Army Corps of Engineers (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
Don Mannel, GGNRA/NPS (Member of the Recreation and Access Subcommittee),  
Vera Naumovich,  
George Orbelian, resident of the Richmond District (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
Michael Paquet, SF Chapter of the Surfrider Organization (Member of the Physical processes Subcommittee),  
Amy V. Quirk, Friends of Ocean Beach & Alliance for a Clean Water Front & Sunset Democratic Club (Co-Chair  
Natural Resources Subcommittee),  
Lara Truppelli, Friends of Ocean Beach (Chair of the OB Task Force),  
Francesca Vietor, the Department of the Environment (Coordinator of the OB Task Force, co-chair of  
Policy Subcommittee),  
Tamara Williams, GGNRA/NPS (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
Sarah Wright-intern for the Department of the Environment

- I. Welcome and Introductions  
II. Review and Approval of Minutes  
III. Motion to be Approved: Mark Beezy  
Second Francesca Vietor  
Unanimously Approved

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- IV. Presentation from Lynn Jensen, California Coastal Commission They are looking for volunteers and will be meeting in the next few weeks to review the events of the day. They will doing a beach clean-up

similar to last years and will be doing beach art again. Striving to keep event kid-oriented and congratulatory, instill a sense of pride. The age range will be K thru high school.

- V. Presentation from Bob Deliso, SF Zoo

The Zoo's master plan was approved in 1997 w/bond. The bond was held up for two years. In 1999 they received access to the funds and will move forward with renovating Western part of Zoo. The master plan marks zoo into geographical zones. New entrance will feature guest amenities such as gift shop, restrooms, food. The Zoo will also have a new education center and a new animal resource center featuring hand held animals. Construction begins in next two weeks. The West end renovation will have parking and new entrance with amenities and will affect the Great Highway. The current main entrance will be closed as it is not handicap accessible or compatible with master plan and they want visitor orientation moved. Want to develop parking along the Great Highway plus 500 spots at old Fleishhacker pool site. One-third of population come from South. The Fleishhacker pool site is of concern-it either needs to be seismically upgraded or demolished. The Zoo has no official position on this. The Fleishackker building, with landscaping will be used as a windbreak. The Zoo will use trees and work with Native Plant Society. Over the next couple of months they will finish initial construction.

A. Comments/Questions:/Answers:

The Parking lot will be one level. Question: Parking circulation? Answer: Traffic from South will enter from the South past treatment plant, traffic from North will enter via Great Highway/Sloat entrance. There will be no exit on Sloat. Question: How did parking size get decided? 900,000 visitors will go up to 1.4 million annually with master plan implementation. Question: What is on the East end? Comment: There will still be parking at Skyline and Sloat Blvd. Comment: Current parking on Sloat is approximately 400 plus spaces on Sloat and approximately 480 on the Great Highway. Concerned about traffic along Great Highway. Increased parking should help. Question: Will it be pay parking? Answer: Yes but vehicles can drop off people and drive out to park along Sloat. There may be opportunities for surf parking on off-peak days. Comment: Parking questions are because of beach access. Answer: It will be a public parking lot. Question: Did Zoo take into consideration beach erosion and stability in front of zoo? There seems to be room for repeat and setback. Question: Have implications of erosion been adequately considered in light of recent events? Answer: There is probably room to deal with it in the future. Question: Is it the Zoo's interest to remove the rubble and provide security for the Zoo? Question: Why didn't the master plan consider beach use? Answer: They did consider beach; parking lot must be fee based. Zoo needs to be self-sufficient. Question: Who approved? Answer: The City, EIR decided it would be fee based. Comment: Parking shouldn't be about zoo recouping costs, but public coastal access, and it should be free. Question: Will there be established hours for paid parking? Answer: Not sure, Zoo's hours are 10 to 5 and parking lot will probably not be open beyond that. Question: Is Fleishhacker site as a possible restroom site? Answer: Possibly- that's a Rec and Park commission decision. Question: What if the Great Highway gets lost? Answer: Would cause a significant change but there are other ways to develop access into Zoo. Zoo is a tenant of Rec and Park property. Lease agreement had added



lands and Zoo management shifted. There are many proposed dates of completion.  
 Jurisdiction: Rec and Park owns Great Highway; Water Dept. owns part; PUC; DPW.  
 Builders and designers are working with Zoo.

- VI. Task Force Request Form Introduced and reviewed with an example provided by Francesca Vietor.
- VII. Review of format: quarterly meetings and monthly meetings. Monthly meetings are working meetings and the quarterly meetings report on subcommittee activities with recommendations.
- VIII. Break into subcommittees.

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Policy Subcommittee Minutes  
 Taken by Francesca Vietor

- I. Map/Jurisdiction
- II. Funding-short term/long term
- III. Short and long term policy recommendations, technical assistance vs. process
- IV. Products
- V. Need on the policy subcommittee:
  - 1. Park Service Rep
  - 2. Someone who can provide funds, public works, rec and park
- VII. Zone-map review
  - 1. East of Great Highway is Rec and Park property
  - 2. Coastal zone-City can permit but permits are subject to CA Coastal Commission Comment
  - 3. We need one master map that is GIS based
  - 4. Bob Battalio offered to help outline how to do it
  - 5. DPW-GIS could do it or CAD folks
  - 6. DPW needs requests prioritized, need to collect them all and prioritize them
  - 7. If funding can be identified, DPW, can take the lead and do it internally
  - 8. mapping as high priority, include utilities DPW has good base maps & physical surveys
  - 9. Should do a GIS map, need to specify data, property ownership, proposed Zoo location, utilities, infrastructure, regulatory agencies, jurisdiction, take up products question at subsequent meeting
  - 10. fill out forms, policy subcommittee should develop goals, plans, objectives, help identify funding
  - 11. policy committee should be steering committee of task force
  - 12. need to create timeline of action, i.e. map, do what by when based on seasonality, budgets
  - 13. 1st six months identify issues, resources and priorities then focus on timeline, responsibilities

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Recreation and Access Subcommittee Minutes  
 Taken by Clay Bennett

- I. Jurisdiction discussed





1. Schedule of GGNRA on Ocean Beach
2. Jurisdiction map will be available next mtg.
- II. Problems discussed-
  1. Trash
  2. Sand pileups between Noriega & Santiago
  3. Beach Patrol
  4. Shortage of help to work Ocean Beach
  5. Need for bathroom facilities
  6. Access -- what does that mean?
  7. Leash Law-( Dog Houses ) -- for dog bags
  8. Beach User survey -- being conducted by DPW, and Water Treatment Plant --( Arleen Navarret )
- III. It was resolved to further document issues listed in our agenda, in an effort to consolidate opinions, and to make recommendations for action. This is to be done via e-mail, and snail mail, so that we can all give some feedback.
- IV. Members present –
 

Clay Bennett, Peggy Kala Hubacher, Don Mannel

missing: Huey Thomas

also present: Linn Jensen, Vera Naumovich

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Natural Resources Subcommittee Minutes  
Taken By Amy Quirk

Present were:

Alan Hopkins, Chair	Golden Gate Audubon Society
Marc Beezy	Citizen Member
Daphne Hatch	Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Amy Quirk	Alliance for a Clean Waterfront

Absent:

Adena Rosmarin	Board of Lakeshore Homeowners/ Audubon Society
Terri Thomas	Golden Gate National Recreation Area

- I. After discussion, the subcommittee decided to develop a bibliography as part of a three-step process:
  1. The identification of existing and available reports, summaries and compilations of data with baseline information about the flora and fauna of the Ocean Beach environs;
  2. Then, upon review of the bibliography, the identification of who is doing what (i.e. monitoring) and can serve as a resource; and
  3. Then, upon further review, identification of gaps in available information and areas for further study.
- II. The group also decided to look at whether there should be:





1. More signage;
  2. Better enforcement of animal policies, and
  3. Bullet points in a subcommittee report identifying Ocean Beach issues and priorities.
- III. Initially identified sources for the bibliography are:
1. Audubon breeding bird records
  2. Monterey Bay & Gulf of Farallones Beach Watch Program (through Jan Roletto of the GGNRA Sanctuary Office)
  3. California Academy of Sciences (especially regarding dead mammals and stranded marine mammals)
  4. Jefferson Herbarium in Berkeley
  5. Strybing Arboretum
  6. GGNRA Animal Control Records
  7. San Francisco Department of Health
  8. San Francisco's Integrated Pest Management Program Plover Monitoring (records of these regular

Wednesday monitoring may provide information about the numbers and locations of people and dogs on the beach)

9. Draft Snowy Plover Management Plan
10. GGNRA intertidal and invertebrates studies
11. Sharon Farrell of Parkside GGNRA
12. Mary Petrilli of Ft. Funston GGNRA
13. Sediment Transport Report - July of 1995 by the U.S. Army Corps (contains sand deposit information dating back to 1868).

- IV. Random thoughts about information for the bibliography:
1. Information about amphora and ice plant problems and removal
  2. Bird baseline
  3. Aerial photos of Ocean Beach environs
  4. Open question is whether the sewage outflow box, glass and exposed pipe issues should be addressed within this subcommittee.
  5. There is still some confusion about what Ocean Beach environs means with the Ocean Beach Task Force.

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#### Physical Processes Subcommittee Minutes

Minutes taken and prepared by Kevin Knuuti, subcommittee member, and  
edited by Bob Battalio, Chair

Participants: Bob Battalio, Philip Williams & Associates, Subcommittee Chair;  
Bob Deliso, SF Zoo, guest;  
John Dangler, U.S. Geological Survey, subcommittee member;  
Frank Filice, SF Department of Public Works, attending in place of  
Steve O'Sullivan, subcommittee member;



Leslie Ewing, California Coastal Commission , subcommittee member;  
Kevin Knuuti, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, subcommittee member;  
George Orbelian, Richmond District, subcommittee member;  
Michael Paquet, SF Surfrider, subcommittee member;  
Tamara Williams, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, subcommittee member; and  
Sarah Wright, University of San Francisco student, guest.

Subcommittee meeting began at approximately 7:00 PM and ended at 8:20 PM

I. General Overview:

The meeting began with Bob Battalio reviewing the "working memorandum" that he prepared and distributed on March 30. The working memorandum was divided into four areas: subcommittee issues

and priorities, a three stage plan for subcommittee tasks, the stage one report (due at the June 7 meeting), and subcommittee recommendations to the Policy Subcommittee. While the Physical Processes Subcommittee was reviewing available information, the Policy Subcommittee (with Francesca Vietor) was reviewing the figures and maps that Chris Kern (California Coastal Commission,

Policy Subcommittee member) brought to the meeting. The Physical Processes Subcommittee meeting

ended up being two essentially separate discussions, one contained within the Physical Processes Subcommittee and one with members of both the Policy Subcommittee and the Physical Processes Subcommittee. Both groups primarily discussed currently available information and desired (but as

yet unavailable) information.

II. Chronological Review of Subcommittee Discussion.

A. Bob Battalio reviewed the working memorandum he prepared for this meeting.

i. Issues. The priority issue is the coastal erosion south of Sloat Boulevard, to the southern limit

of the Great Highway.

ii. Three Stage Plan. The three stage plan to address the priority issue is:

Stage 1 : Problem Description

Stage 2: Work Plan to Develop Solutions

Stage 3: Common Vision (Recommended Solutions)

iii. Stage One Report. Bob Battalio proposed an initial problem description for the coastal

erosion south of Sloat Boulevard. The problem statement drafted by Bob proposed that the

problem is man induced due to fill placement and construction within the active zone of

shoreline and beach fluctuations, and without adequate consideration of coastal design

criteria and adverse impacts to the environment and public use of the beach. The problem





has apparently been exacerbated by the balkanized property ownership in the area, and the general lack of understanding or interest in maintaining natural coastal processes. The Physical Processes Subcommittee can assist by providing a better understanding of pertinent physical processes, developing a work plan to address issues, and assist with developing alternative solutions. The other subcommittees need to be involved in the problem resolution. The proposed objective is a common vision manifested by one or more alternative solutions.

iv. The subcommittee as a whole agreed that the problem is that public works (the Great Highway Extension, the coastal parking lots and trails, and possibly sewer utilities) are located where coastal erosion has caused portions of the bluff and beach to recede. This erosion has resulted in the loss of coastal access trails and portions of the parking lots, resulting in the parking lots being closed to the public and near vertical drops-offs above narrowed beaches. The bluffs are tentatively stabilized by construction rubble. Bob observed the morning of the meeting that, even at low tide, the beach was too narrow to pass due to wave run up impacting the rubble. Bob also noted that a portion of the Southwest Sewer Outfall armor has been observed above grade at very low tides in the near shore. The exposed armor consists of corrosion-sharpened steel sheet piles, rock, and concrete. The steel sheets are considered a severe safety hazard. The exposed construction rubble, which includes reinforcing steel protruding from concrete pieces is also a hazard and unsightly. (At least one injury is known to have occurred, as reported during the first Task Force Meeting.) Beach access in the area is significantly restricted due to the over-steepened and unstable bluffs, lost access trails, rubble, and narrow beaches.

v. Recommendations. The subcommittee discussed reviewing and endorsing the problem statement and facilitating the completion of a base map that will include regulatory jurisdictions, topographic data, property ownership, and infrastructure. Lesley Ewing suggested that the committee review all available information, including previously prepared reports. Bob noted that many of the participants were new to the subcommittee,



and had not reviewed Bob's transmittal. Bob proposed to distribute the text to participants

prior to the next meeting, with revisions based on any input received.

B. Sarah Wright, a masters student at the University of San Francisco, informed the subcommittee that

she has been compiling and reviewing information and is preparing a history of Ocean Beach (including its problems). Sarah plans to have her paper/thesis completed by May and offered

to make

it available to the subcommittee. George Orbelian suggested incorporating Sarah's document into

the subcommittee's final report. Bob Battalio responded that he agreed this could be a good idea, but

recommended waiting until the subcommittee had the opportunity to review Sarah's document

before committing to this idea.

C. Frank Felice suggested that the proposed work plan include tasks we need to accomplish and information we need to gather. Members agreed. He specified the need for information concerning

utilities (sewer lines and boxes) in the study area and rubble fill that extends from the bluff and under the highway. Bob Battalio pointed out that this fill includes rubble and asked if

anyone knew

what the extent and type of fill and when it was placed. Michael Paquet presented the subcommittee

with several drawings he obtained from the Department of Public Works (DPW) that showed sewer

pipe locations and fill types. He said the fill west of the sewer pipe is "Type 2" fill and includes

construction rubble while the fill east of the sewer boxes is "Type 1" fill and is free of construction

rubble. Frank informed the subcommittee that the sewer pipe was tunneled into bedrock and follows

the edge of the Colma Formation. He also said the fill in the area predates the sewer boxes. Kevin

Knuuti offered to check on the geologic makeup and condition of the Colma Formation prior to the

next Task Force meeting. John Dinger offered to talk to a colleague at USGS who has information

and experience with the geology in and near Fort Funston.

D. At approximately 7:25 PM, Francesca Vietor informed the Physical Processes Subcommittee that

the Policy Subcommittee had several maps and figures that might be beneficial. (This was in response

to the Work Plan approach articulated in the first Task Force meeting) Several members of the





Physical Processes Subcommittee gathered around the Policy Subcommittee table to review the

maps and figures. Chris Kern (California Coastal Commission, Policy Subcommittee member)

brought the majority of the maps and figures to the meeting.

E. Subcommittee members asked Frank Felice if DPW would be able to compile all of the available maps

and information into one (digital) Map (Steve O'Sullivan offered, during the March 1st meeting, to

have DPW do this). Frank replied that DPW would have to determine how it could fund this work

prior to committing to it. One option he mentioned was having a student intern, who would be

working for DPW throughout the summer, do this work. The Policy Committee indicated a work

request would be submitted to DPW for this task. All agreed that this would be a significant positive

contribution.

F. Lesley Ewing commented on the amount of work and the number of previous studies that have been

done on Ocean Beach issues. She suggested compiling an itemized list of available information.

Lesley also handed out copies of three reports: Ocean Beach Littoral Processes Monitoring Program

(Towill Inc., December 1980), Ocean Beach Sand Replenishment Program (Towill Inc., October

1980), and a technical memorandum titled Ocean Beach Coastal Erosion Protection, Initial Assessment (CH2M-Hill, October 1996). Kevin Knuuti commented that the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers (Corps) has several reports on Ocean Beach in its files and offered to prepare a list of

those files. Lesley stated that she would send Kevin a list of the files she has in her office, to include

with his list. The combined lists are attached to these meeting minutes as a selected bibliography of

littoral process, erosion, and nourishment studies prepared for Ocean Beach. Bob noted that the

1995 study he completed for the Corps has a detailed annotated bibliography, and that Bob has most

if not all of the references organized in his office. Bob requested that Frank Felice provide more

recent documents generated for or by DPW including the sand placement contract, monitoring

data, the proposed monitoring plan, and documents describing other public works in the area such as



the Westside Sewer Transport Pipe, rock revetment, parking lots, and Great Highway Extension south of Sloat.

G. Frank Felice informed the subcommittee that DPW will be contracting for a survey of Ocean Beach.

This survey will cover a 3,000 feet long stretch, starting at Sloat Boulevard and extending south, and

Will include topography above the water line (DPW plans to have the survey conducted at a lower

low tide) and physical features/structures. The survey will consist of an aerial survey (flown at 3,000

feet) of the entire area and an optical survey of beach transects (spaced 300 feet apart).

Subcommittee members emphasized the importance of incorporating existing data into the maps

that would be prepared from the DPW surveys. Geotechnical reports may be available for

Lake

Merced and the Historical Society should have historic aerial photos. Bob Deliso suggested checking the San Francisco Recreation and Park Departments web site for existing historical

aerial

photos of the study area.

H. Subcommittee members randomly mentioned information that they thought might be available and

useful for developing a map of the study area.

i. Bob Battalio stated that Towill Inc. prepared aerial surveys of Ocean Beach for Moffatt &

Nichol and for the Corps. These surveys were done in the fall of 1992 and the spring of 1993

and should be available as digital-orthographic photographs. Kevin Knuuti offered to call

Moffatt & Nichol (Moffatt & Nichol did their work under a Corps contract) to see if those

digital files are still available. Bob noted that he remembered that reproducible hard copies

and AutoCAD files were delivered to the Corps.

ii. Bob Battalio also said that he thought it would be helpful to have offshore survey information

(bathymetry) in the study area. Bob suggested that this be considered in the DPW monitoring

plan. There was concern expressed by Frank Filice and John Dingler that surveying in the

surf zone would be difficult and may not be worth the effort. Bob acknowledged the challenge but indicated that there are people that can do it, including PWA staff.

Kevin

Knuuti mentioned that NOAA would be conducting hydrosurveys in the Bay sometime





during the next few months. Kevin said that he would contact NOAA to see if they have the

capability of conducting such surveys in the surf zone. NOTE: Kevin checked with NOAA

on April 7 and was informed that NOAA could not conduct bathymetric surveys in the surf zone.

I. Bob Battalio asked Frank Filice if the City of San Francisco monitored the winter movement of sand

from the sacrificial berm that was placed near Sloat Boulevard in the fall of 1999. Frank replied that

the City measured the amount of sand that was initially placed October 1999 (?), the amount that

remained after a large storm in October 1999, and the amount that remained at the end of the winter

Frank said that the City also recorded the slope on the front of the berm and the grain-size distribution

of sand in the berm. The City initially placed approximately 15,000 tons of sand, at a cost of approximately \$350,000. He estimated that approximately 40%-50% of the initially placed

sand

eroded away during the winter. Frank said that the City is currently estimating that it will spend

another \$200,000 to replenish the sacrificial berm prior to next winter. Bob noted that the sand

deposit was intended to be sacrificial and that sand eroded in response to wave action provided a

positive feedback by forming a wider fronting beach and dissipating wave energy. Bob also noted that

the October storm waves peaked near high tide, and that the waves were significant in terms of height,

period and power. Bob noted that there were several significant events since the sand placement, and

that it had performed remarkably well with no maintenance. Bob strongly recommended detailed

monitoring of the beach in the vicinity of the sand placement as such data would be invaluable to

develop a more quantitative understanding of sand transport in the area and as a basis for future

engineering. It is very unfortunate that the City decided not to implement monitoring so far. Bob

noted that monitoring was recommended by Friends of Ocean Beach, and described how the data

could be used and what data could be collected with modest effort. Frank noted that each survey they



did cost several thousand dollars. Bob requested the data collected and the future monitoring plan.

Bob offered to advise on the monitoring plan.

III. Meeting Adjournment: At 8:20 PM, Lara Truppelli (Chair, Ocean Beach Task Force) ended the subcommittee meetings. Lara told the subcommittees that the May 3rd meeting would be a working meeting and that no reports would be due. The May 3rd meeting will be held at the Sunset Cop, 4245 Lawton, at the Great Highway, at 6:00 PM.

Attachment: List of reports available from the California Coastal Commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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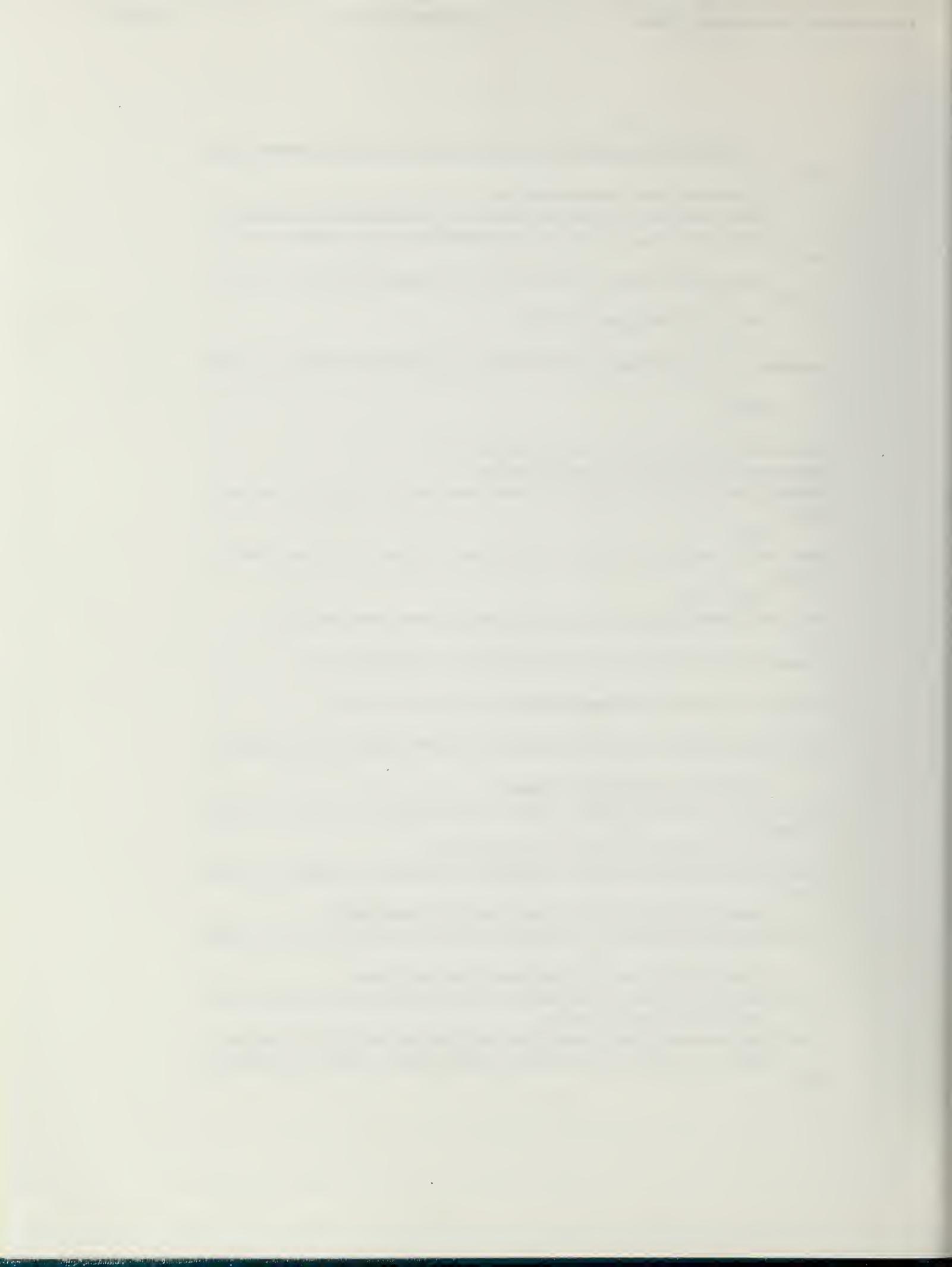
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OCEAN BEACH TASK FORCE

Our next meeting is this Wednesday, May 3rd, 2000 at 6pm at Sunset Cooperative Nursery School and everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda is as follows:

Agenda

Wednesday May 3rd, 2000 6pm  
Sunset Cooperative Nursery School 4245 Lawton Ave, cross street Great Highway

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Review and Approve Minutes
- III. Review Status of Task Force Progress (OB Task Force Summary Task Sheet)
- IV. Review Task Force Purpose & Direction
- V. Review Agenda for June 7th, 2000 Full Task Force Meeting
- VI. Break Into Subcommittees
- VII. Adjourn

Thank you for your support and commitment to Ocean Beach.

Sincerely Yours,

Lara Truppelli  
Ocean Beach Task Force, Chair

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June 7th, 2000

Ocean Beach Task Force Quarterly Meeting  
City Hall 6pm Room 201

## I. Introductions

## II. Remarks from Mayor Brown

## III. Review and Approve May 2000 minutes

## IV. Presentations:

## A. General Overview of Ocean Beach Task Force and Policy Subcommittee

Lara Truppelli, Chairperson, Ocean Beach Task Force

## B. Subcommittee Presentations:

## 1. Recreation and Access Subcommittee

## 2. Natural Resources Subcommittee

## 3. Physical Processes Subcommittee

## C. Agency Presentations

## 1. Western Shoreline Plan

Ocean Beach Portion of SF City's Master Plan

## 2. Local Coastal Plan

California Coastal Commission

## 3. GGNRA General Plan for Ocean Beach

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

## 4. Great Highway Repaving

Dept. of Public Works

## D. Funding Possibilities

## 1. State and Local Funding, Propositions A, B, 12, 13

Assembly Member Kevin Shelley's Office

## 2. Letter to Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr and/or Board of Supervisors

(Action)

a) Prioritize projects to be funded; identify possible sources of funding.

b) Review and approve draft of funding letter.

## E. Public Comment

Adjourn



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OCEAN BEACH TASK FORCE

Wednesday, July 5, 2000

6:00 p.m.

Sunset Coop

4245 Lawton Ave.

AGENDA

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Review and approve minutes
- 3) Introduce 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter task force agenda
- 4) Break into subcommittees
- 5) Adjourn

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Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting - July 5th, 2000

6:00p.m. at Sunset Co-op Nursery School

Minutes taken and prepared by Emily Smith, Intern for the Ocean Beach Task Force

In attendance:

Wynne Bamberg, Friends of Ocean Beach (Member of the Rec. and Access Subcommittee),  
 Bob Battalio, Philip Williams & Associates (Chair Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
 Marc Beezy, resident of the Sunset District (Member of the Natural Resources Subcommittee),  
 Clay Bennett, SF Chapter of the Surfrider Organization (Chair Recreation & Access Subcommittee),  
 John Dingler, USGS (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
 Ron Dudum, Supervisorial Candidate  
 Lesley Ewing, California Coastal Commission (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
 Richard Golden, resident (Member of the Rec. and Access Subcommittee),  
 Peggy Kala-Hubacker, resident of the Sunset District (Member of the Recreation and Access Subcommittee),  
 Kevin Knuuti, the US Army Corps of Engineers (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
 Mark Massara, Sierra Club  
 George Orbelian, resident of the Richmond District (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
 Steve O'Sullivan, DPW (Physical Processing Subcommittee)  
 Michael Paquet, SF Chapter of the Surfrider Organization (Member of the Physical processes Subcommittee),  
 Adena Rosmarin, resident (Member of the Natural Resources Subcommittee)  
 Emily Smith, Intern for Ocean Beach Task Force  
 Lara Truppelli, Friends of Ocean Beach (Chair of the OB Task Force),  
 Tamara Williams, GGNRA/NPS (Member of the Physical Processes Subcommittee),  
 Sarah Wright-intern for the Department of the Environment

- Three documents- a letter to Chris Kern, a review of several reports with his comments, and a coastal Erosion Fact Sheet-were distributed before the meeting began by Michael Paquet.

## I. Welcome - Introductions

## II. Review &amp; Approve of minutes

A. Bob Battalio wanted to make sure that the Stage One Report produced by the Physical Processes Subcommittee will be added to the official minutes.

B. Wynne Bamberg made a motion to approve the minutes and Clay Bennett and John Dingler seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

## III. Sand Nourishment Budget Update

A. Steve O'Sullivan from the DPW updated the Task Force that DPW put in for a \$500,000 grant, but only \$200,000 was funded.

## B. Questions and answers

Q) Is this money intended for a sand nourishment program?

A) Yes, it is all intended for sand nourishment. DPW is going to need the full \$500,000

for not

only sand nourishment, but also for monitoring.

Q) Where is the sand coming from?

A) It is coming from construction sources.

Q) Has there been any effort to remove rocks along the beach before the sand is placed?

A) No, there hasn't been any effort to do this because that is a long-term project.

Q) Is it beach sand or construction sand?

A) It is probably from the shoals of Central Bay. It contains a lot of shells.

C. Lara Truppelli informed the OBTF that Supervisor Yee committed to help the OBTF to get the

necessary funding for the sand placement needed this winter.

#### IV. Updates on Ocean Beach

A. Peggy Hubacker informed the OBTF that recently there has been work done on the promenade. She noticed that they have removed some of the sand blocking the walkway, made some of the signs more visible, and has covered up some of the graffiti.

B. It was also mentioned that they are getting ready to open the Sloat lot and are putting up posts. The second parking lot was recently opened.

C. Tamara Williams volunteered to find out what exactly they are doing on the beach and what motivated them to begin these projects. *Update as of 7-11-00-GGNRA is opening the parking lots south of Sloat only outboard spaces. We have saw cut and peeled back the asphalt on the inboard spaces so we do not get any more asphalt falling onto the beach. The outboard spaces will allow parking off of the Great Highway for a time. we will monitor the spaces and if they get impacted we will close, but for now they are open. Information submitted by Don Mannel via email to Tamara Williams*

D. A recent increase in police involvement was mentioned. They have been cutting down on the homeless and campers.

#### V. Introduction of Second Quarter Task Force Agenda

A. Lara introduced the Second Quarter Task Force Agenda and discussed why the second quarter has a proposed different agenda:

##### Explanation of Agenda Item V. Second Quarter Task Force Agenda

*The Task Force Has completed its first quarter and has progressed very well in terms of researching issues and establishing priorities. I would like to commend everyone for his or her current work to date and for the presentations made at the Quarterly Task Force Meeting. At the June Meeting, we heard presentations from the Subcommittees, CCC, GGNRA, SF Planning Dept., and DPW regarding plans and current status at Ocean Beach. Based on these presentations, we determined that the erosion site South of Sloat Blvd. was the most urgent priority of the Ocean Beach Task Force. Furthermore, one of the primary goals of the Task Force is to make recommendations for both the short and long term solutions to the erosion issues and the Physical Processes Subcommittee has requested the support of the other Task Force Subcommittees.*

*In pursuance of these findings, over the course of the last month members of the Policy Subcommittee have met and/or spoken regarding the Task Force's direction and focus as well as most effective direction for proceeding. The Second Quarter Task Force Agenda is the result of these discussions.*

*The Second Quarter Task Force Agenda encompasses a three-part project with a completion date scheduled for Sept. 6, 2000. As the Chair of the Task Force, I am recommending that all Subcommittees focus on the creation of a recommendation document, working title: "Ocean Beach Task Force Recommendations for Responses to Erosion South of Sloat Blvd.". The completed document will be sent to (at least) Supervisors, Mayor Brown, SF Planning Dept., & DPW. The general components of this document should include:*



- Purpose and need for study
- Definition of Study Area, based on need
- Description of Alternative Erosion Control Solutions
- Documents needed for reference and foundation of study; Missing Information
- Urgency of need for study
- Hazards of current situation
- Identification of Issues

B. August Task Force Meeting Agenda

1. Subcommittee Presentations on respective pieces of recommendation paper
2. Discuss recommendations to be made within paper
3. Break into subcommittees.

C. September Task Force Quarterly Meeting Agenda Meeting Agenda

1. Subcommittee Presentations on respective pieces of Recommendation Paper
2. Approval/Adoption of Paper (Action Item).

VI. Recommendation paper

(Sarah Wright will be coordinating this paper)

A. Discussion over how the paper should be laid out

1. Bob Battalio commented that he would like to create a short transmittal letter, which could include the OBTF's recommendations and specific direction. This would be sent out before (or with) we send the official paper to encourage them to read the Recommendation Paper.

2. Questions and Answers

Q) Do we want recommendations in the executive summary and the transmittal letter?

A) We will see when we are farther along with this project.

Q) Will the author of this paper be the OBTF or the Policy Subcommittee?

A) The OBTF.

Q) So that we can understand who our audience is, what type of people are we sending the paper to?

A) We will create it for persons with a non-engineering background

Q) Are we only addressing erosion in this paper?

A) Yes.

B. Outline

1. Introduction

- a. It was agreed that the paper would include a list of resources and contacts.

2. Executive Summary

3. Table of Contents

4. Background information

a) comments

- i. Bob Battalio wants the Physical Processes Subcommittee to make it brief and to review Sarah Wright's summary
- ii. It was suggested that the actual paper is very brief with several attachments of background information
- iii. It was suggested that we add to an outline with bullet points and then allow all the subcommittees to expand to this.
- iv. It was suggested that we have an outline and attach background information with an appendix.
- v. It was suggested that more studies need to be done that we can include in the paper

- vi. Will the study be a study of all of the past studies or would it be compiling new information?
- vii. So far most of the studies have focused primarily on the City's infrastructure on Ocean Beach. We should do a study of the alternatives
- viii. It was suggested we only include studies that support our recommendations
- ix. It was suggested that we call our study of alternatives an "evaluation of alternatives".
- x. It was mentioned that few studies have been done on retreat strategies, and so there should be a traffic study.
- xi. A decision was made to decide what our long and short term recommendations are

*(At this point we moved off of the outline and started a brainstorming process)*

#### C) Recommendations

##### 1) Short Term

- a) Prepare to set road back to protect the infrastructure by turning the median into temporary lanes (now or if needed in the future).
- b) Remove armor and debris to allow erosion to occur where it can occur and sand to return which buffers erosion for where it can't occur.
- c) Maintain existing sand placement and stockpile sand so it's available.
- d) Prepare traffic plan for closing down the road.
- e) Request that the city start the CEQUA process.
- f) Remove miscellaneous and abandoned structures that are contributing to erosion.
- g) No sand on hard structures.

##### 2) Long Term

- a) Move the road land ward.
- b) Restore dunes as part of the natural dune system as an erosion control mechanism.
- c) Make more parking available.
- d) Study how to protect or relocate the sewer pipe
- e) Study near shore part of the sewer out fall pipe.
- f) Restore Lake Merced as a natural salt water habitat (a tidal marshland) and bridge the road.
- g) Permitted sand relocation plan (North to South).
- h) Enhance Habitat Value (with restoration of a dune system).
- i) Add a Northbound lane from Skyline to the zoo, while the rest of the lanes are restored to the dune/bluff. To make up for drive timing there would be traffic light timing.
- j) Make sure that the sewer line won't break (goal).
- k) Have the Wetland marsh at Lake Merced be used for sewer remediation.
- L) Determination of future use of specific areas of the beach.

We should decide what parts of the beach would be for natural or for recreational purposes.

- m) The erosion solution should incorporate interface between the zoo and Ocean Beach.
  - n) Maintain the transportation corridor (view and capacity).
  - o) Increase disabled access.
  - p) Minimize the need for regular maintenance.
  - q) Relocate structures (except the Water Treatment plant) out of the envelope of the coastal/littoral processes.
  - r) Remove all revetments and rubble but with consideration to cultural resources.
  - s) Create a Taraval-Type Seawall.
- ##### 3) Questions and answers



Q)Is there such thing as a sand replacement machine?

A)It is possible that there is machine that creates permanent slurry of sand.

Q)Do we want to separate the plans for the North and South halves of the beach?

A)We are looking only at the beach that is South of Sloat.

Q) Has anyone recently researched the Mean High Tide Level?

A) Kevin Knutti will look into this.

D)The Process

1)Circulate recommendations and prepare to comment on at the August meeting. (Sarah Wright to coordinate this effort)

2)Consider the other alternatives and present them.

3)Create a table/matrix of the alternatives with a decision matrix. The decisions should be weighted with the goals. Sarah Wright's summary should be used as a reference. This matrix needs to be created by the next meeting. (Bob Battalio and Sarah Wright primarily will put together

the matrix with help from Lesley Ewing, Steve O'Sullivan, Mike Paquet, Kevin Knutti, Clay Bennett, and Tamara Williams)

4)The Policy subcommittee will be strongly encouraged to attend the next meeting so that we can receive their feedback on the matrix.

E)The decision criteria for the matrix

1)Funding

a)Initial

b)Long term

2)Longevity

3)Public Support

4)Aesthetics

5)Transportation needs

6)Sewage Facilities

a)Pipes

b)Boxes

7)Planning Consistency

a)zoo plan

b)Coastal Act/ LCP

c)Western Shoreline Plan

d)GGNRA GMP

8)Access

a)Parking

b)Pedestrian access to the beach

c)ADA access

d)Zoo (instead of the coast lane of the Great Highway)

e)Lateral (along the beach)

f)Sewage treatment plant

9)Recreation

a)walkers

b)surfers

c)dogs

d)fishing

e)water contact users

10)Safety

11)Environmental/ Natural Resources

a)vegetation

b)birds

- c)mammals
- d)earth resources
- e)threatened/ endangered species
- f)geology / geomorphology(Active / Passive and Short / Long term)
- g)Air and water quality
- 12)Construct ability

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting: August 1, 2000  
6:00pm at Sunset Co-op Nursery School

Bob Battalio chaired the meeting for Lara Truppelli

In attendance:

Kevin Barteaux, Policy Subcommittee  
Bob Battalio, Physical Processing Chair  
Clay Bennett, Rec/Access Chair  
Robin Buckley, community member  
John Dingler, Physical Processing Subcommittee  
Ron Dudum, candidate for District Supervisor  
Paul Gulbenkian, Community member  
Alan Hopkins, Natural Resources subcommittee co-chair  
Tom Hsieu, visitor  
Chris Kern, Policy Subcommittee Co-Chair  
Don Mannel, Rec/Access Subcommittee  
Steve O'Sullivan, Policy/Physical Processing Subcommittee  
George Orbellian, Physical Processing Subcommittee  
Michael Paquet, Physical Processing Subcommittee  
Elizabeth Proctor, resident  
Amy Quirk, Rec/Access Subcommittee  
Miguel Row, visitor  
Dom Shanley, resident  
John Shanley, Candidate for District 4  
Emily Smith, Intern  
Tamara Williams, Physical Processing Subcommittee  
Sarah Wright, Policy Subcommittee

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I. Overview of agenda

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Update on Funding

Steve O'Sullivan from the DPW updated us that in addition to our grant of \$200,000, we received an additional ad back for \$100,000 from Supervisor Teng on behalf of the city and another \$100,000 from CAL Boating and Waterways. This total amount, \$400,000, will be a sufficient amount to finance the sand nourishment project for this year. Furthermore, in the state budget, the Task Force was granted one million dollars for long term projects. We will have to decide whether we should work with the Army Corps of Engineers or independent, local consultants to use the one million dollars.

IV. Discussion of erosion

A document of the short and long term alternatives was distributed.

A. Goals (See page 4 of document)

It was decided that several goals may need some adjusting. Bob Battalio suggested that a better long term goal would be to discover a successful solution to erosion and the short term goal would be to create enough time so that we can develop a long term solution. Our main objective is to maintain the infrastructure, while enhancing recreational use for the future.

B. Review of the alternatives

1. Short term

## a.No action

Q)Does this mean maintaining status quo?

A)No, the city does have some plans to take over (i.e. if erosion is 25 feet away from the infrastructure, the city will enforce their plan.). It was noted that solution #2, rock revetments, and solution#3, a sand nourishment project, are not exclusive. The city's plan is basically a mixture of these two solutions. A suggestion was made to add the city's plan, in other words maintaining status quo, to the list of short term alternatives. We will define the city's plan, and it will be included in the matrix. Our knowledge of the plan at this point is that they will extend the rock if erosion gets out of control.

## b.Revetment Maintenance

It was decided to refer to this alternative as "Rock Revetment" rather than "Revetment Maintenance".

## c.Sand Nourishment

This refers to adding sand to the dune bluffs as the city has done in the past. This is different from beach nourishment, which will be considered as a long-term solution.

## d.Managed Retreat

Q)Why don't we need to go through the CEQA process for the other alternatives?

A)We may, although the California Coastal Commission Process may be certified as being equal to the CEQA process. NEPA will almost definitely be required for all of the alternatives. CEQA is not excluded from any of the alternatives, and this will be fixed for the matrix.

Q)Is there any harm in putting sand on top of hard structures?

A)No. We will not worry about sand placing sand on top of hard structures, and this will be eliminated from the matrix.

## e.City's Plan

- 1.Monitoring
2. Placing sand of sacrificial sand barrier
- 3.Revetment maintenance, but no expansion of the rock.

## 2.Long Term alternatives

## a.No action

Q)Why is outfall mentioned as "no action" ?

A)This is unknown. This will be eliminated from the matrix and won't be listed as an alternative. However, we do need to consider outfall because it does affect wave lengths, and we must ensure that it will not threaten the success of our solution in the future.

Q)Do we want to add the city's long term plans as an alternative also?

A)No, the city doesn't have a long term plan.

## b.Hard Structures

## 1.Seawalls

Q)Should we evaluate both types of seawalls?

A)Yes, we will include the submerged seawall. It was decided to organize the hard structure alternative by structures



on the existing bluff line and the structures that are farther inward.

c. Soft structures

d. Relocation

This is an extension of managed retreat, and the two categories should be combined.

e. Artificial Reef

There are a lot of doubts over how tangible this is as an alternative. It is very hard to do and is out of our budget. The Surfrider Foundation opposes this alternative.

f) Combinations of alternatives 2-4

This alternative will be the combination of the other

components.

### 3. Questions and answers

Q) Will the ocean eventually take over the Great Highway?

A) It's unlikely that shoreline probably will ever move this much. It tends to move in a cycle of natural fluctuation.

Q) How do we know the long term trend will be limited to this location?

A) Currently there aren't any problems North of Sloat, but if we were eventually to move the road back, it would be moved at one time as

opposed to being done piecemeal.

Q) How long do we consider "short term" to be?

A) A minimum of three years.

### C. Discussion over how to review alternatives

Q) What should go in the cells?

A) We will use a rating of a "+", "-", "0", or "?". If the cell is blank it will be assumed that they have no opinion on the matter or are not qualified to answer it.

Q) Should each subcommittee only review their related area?

A) Each person should only answer as much as they feel qualified to answer.

Q) Should we add specific numbers to the matrix, such as estimated prices?

A) We don't seem to be ready to make this step.

Q) Can each subcommittee turn in one official review sheet made by the individual responses of the members so that the committees will be balanced?

A) Yes, we will now do this.

### D. Meeting adjourned





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Ocean Beach Task Force

October 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm

City Hall Room 201

Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Approve Minutes from July & August
- III. Status Report of Current Short Term Solution to Erosion Site
- IV. Presentation of Matrices and Recommendation Letter Discussion
- V. Third Quarter Task Force Agenda

Adjourn

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**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

FRANCESCA VIETOR, DIRECTOR

**Ocean Beach Task Force**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 6pm

Sunset Cooperative Nursery School

4245 Lawton Way at Great Highway

**Agenda**

I. Introductions

II. Approve Minutes from October

III. Review recommendation letter

IV. Review Western Shoreline Plan

Adjourn

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Ocean Beach May 2001 Task Force Meeting Minutes

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting May 2nd

Minutes of the Natural Resources/Rec and Access subcommittee, taken by Don Mannel

Lara Truppelli Opened meeting at 6:00PM

Mark Westlund Made motion to approve minutes as written, Ken Bato 2nd, minutes approved

Calif. Coastal Commission Ocean Beach clean up scheduled for May 22nd

Amy Quick sent copies of Agencies contact numbers involved in airport expansion

Lara Truppelli mentioned sunset community festival? "Environmental faire will be included in this year's event. Festival to be Sept 22nd

Lara Truppelli mentioned that Sept 25th to be Ocean Beach Day

Still trying to reach zoo to get a rep to attend meeting or at least to see minutes: Lara to get contact name

Park and Rec. mentioned they are going to upgrade parcel 4. Project to be completed before end of year. Concern raised about native plants vs. non-native: Park and Rec to bring plan to next meeting

Discussion on what task force should be accountable back to mayor on. (ie. Parcel 4) Decision was made to look through prior meeting minutes for what decision was made in the beginning.

Group went through the May minutes and prioritized tasks. Discussion held on who or where recommendations should be sent.

Group's priorities for issues at Ocean Beach were:

Dogs with 8 votes

Clean-up with 6 votes

Fires with 4 votes

Access with 3 votes

Bathroom with 3 votes

Habitat with 2 votes

Water Quality with 1 vote

Seawall with 1 vote

Alternative Recreation with 1 vote

Discussion held on top 3 priorities

1. Dog issues

chasing snowy plover:

leash regulation not being enforced from stairwell 21 north

Off leash dogs from stairwell 21 south

At length discussions held on otherdog issues

2. Fireson Beach issues

Pollution

Glass/Nails/Embers (safety concern)

Clean-up

Respiratory concerns

3. Clean-upof Beach

Concrete and Asphalt

Fires vs. Trash

Existing Laws

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

OceanBeach Task Force

Minutesof meeting, Physical Processes subcommittee meeting, taken by Peter Mull

May2, 2001

TheTask Force member together with visiting students from UC Berkeley met at SloatBlvd, to tour the site of proposed remediation. Frank Filice directed the tour southward along the existingrubble placement to the site of recent sand placement. He made general comments, with input from others,including Bob Battalio, regarding the condition of the parking lots andadjacent beach area, the roadway, the zoo and its easement adjacent to theroadway, the outfall, and preliminary observations regarding the sandplacement. The surf was unusually highfor the season, and the mid-tide was moderately high at about 4 ft, whichallowed observation of near shore processes more similar to those of higherosion events than might normally be expected in May.

Afterreturning to the Beach Chalet offices, the students presented their findingsfrom a class project study they conducted on the requirements for constructionof an artificial reef to control erosion and provide good surfing conditionsatthe Sloat Blvd site. Aspects consideredincluded: wave breaking criteria,construction and environmental concerns.

Frank Filice made an announcement regarding thedraft policy on coastal erosion, and encouraged attendance at the May 30meeting.



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June 06, 2001

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Dear Friends of OBTF and OBTF members,

The June meeting is at 6pm June 6th at the Sunset Coop nursery school (corner of Great Highway and Lawton).

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Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting June 6, 2001 Sunset Cooperative Nursery Chaired by Lara Truppelli Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

In attendance: Wynne Bamberg, NaturalRes/Rec and Access Subcommittee Clay Bennett, NaturalRes/Rec and Access Subcommittee John Dingler, Physical Processes Subcommittee Frank Filice, Physical Processes Subcommittee Kevin Knuuti, Physical Processes Subcommittee Linda McKay, SF Dogwalkers George Orbelian, PhysicalProcesses Subcommittee Michael Paquet, PhysicalProcesses Subcommittee Tamara Williams, PhysicalProcesses Subcommittee Lesley Ewing, PhysicalProcesses Subcommittee Richard Golden, NaturalRes/Rec and Access Subcommittee Mark Westlund, PolicySubcommittee Kevin Barteaux, PolicySubcommittee Peter Mull, PhysicalProcesses Subcommittee Paul Gulbenkian Tomasita Medal, replacing Amy Quirk

Lara Truppelli opened the meeting with introductions. The minutes from the last meeting were not yet done, so we will defer minute approval until next meeting. The main item from discussion tonight is a letter from the Task Force to the Supervisors supporting the Department of Public Works (DPW) funding request for Ocean Beach. Frank Filice said that he would check to see if the complete budget request was all approved by the Mayor's office. A draft of this letter was read to the group and comments solicited. Q: What is the main purpose of this letter A: To make sure the Supervisors know that we support this DPW budget request, and to keep current with the new Supervisors. Q: Who should be the contact people? A: Lara for general questions about the taskforce, Steve O'Sullivan for questions about the DPW budget. Q: When will the request be heard? A: The budget will have hearings throughout June, Frank will find out when this item is up. Q: Should a representative from the Task Force go to the hearing. A: Yes, Lara will go if possible, if she can't, Peter Mull will go. The letter will be edited slightly and Lara will sign on behalf of the Task Force. Sarah will distribute to the supervisors. (Note: the final version of the letter is at the end of the minutes)

The Task Force then broke into the two subcommittees, physical processes and natural resources/recreation and access subcommittee.

Minutes from the physicalprocesses subcommittee, taken by Peter Mull The following items were discussed: Mike Paquet discussed his attendance at the public discussions in Sausalito and Sacramento on the California Resource Agency's initial draft of policy on coastal erosion. There is one more draft due for release before the policy is finalized. The contact at the Resources Agency is Clifton Moberg, 916-653-5656. Frank informed the subcommittee that the DPW budget proposal was approved by CIP, and that he was waiting for the Mayor's budget release before meeting with supervisors



about the proposal. The content of the taskforce letter supporting the budget should wait until after the release and address the issue according to its status at that point. Frank disseminated preliminary results from surveying efforts near the sand placement site south of Sloat Blvd, from 8/95 to 4/01. Peter expressed concerns that the monitoring program as presently conducted was inadequate to capture the beneficial effects of the sand placement, and suggested the possibility of including some near-shore hydrographic surveys. (I am afraid the data as collected now will only support the option of building a road, and will not take into account the benefits of sand placement to restore the natural state of the beach dynamics, and long-term stability of the entire beach extending to the Cliff House). Mike expressed concern that the monitoring did not include a control area outside the Sloat area of previous rock placement. Kevin cited numerous previous studies, by the Army Corps and others, and did not want the budgeted money to duplicate previous efforts. (That is precisely my point, although I did not get the opportunity to express it. Frank has repeatedly emphasized the need for monitoring efforts in the budget he proposed, yet the methods he proposes, if as I understand are similar to those presented at this meeting, in no way capture the physics of the system, and therefore can not provide the needed information to choose the best of the six proposed solution options. Hence the money so slated, is better spent on developing the solutions themselves, or on a cost benefit analysis.) Action Items: Frank to continue effort to get budget approved, and see if state money is in place. (State monies may have been repealed due to electricity crisis) Lara to write letter to supervisors, once Frank has ascertained status of budget, and thus the need for and the tone of the letter.

Minutes from the naturalresources/recreation and access subcommittee, taken by Sarah Wright

Q: What was decided last meeting for this group's activities and priorities? A: Last time we discussed the list of issues and picked the top three. These were 1) fires on the beach, 2) dogs and 3) litter/trash. We talked about the pros and cons of each of these problems. For the fire issue, Don Mannel, Marc Beezy, Clay Bennett and Wynne Bamberg were going to meet but did not. There is a long tradition of allowing fires on the beach, but they are a major cause of garbage on the beach (including hazardous trash--burning coals, broken glass, nails etc) as well as air pollution affecting the nearby neighborhoods. Some ideas for managing this problem include: not allowing any fires, requiring a permit for large parties, restricting the areas on the beach where fires are allowed (e.g., in front of the O'Shaughnessy seawall), giving out portable fire rings to groups. Since representatives from the GGNRA were not at this meeting, the discussion was tabled so we could get their input on what they think might be areas on which to enforce policy. Linda McKay volunteered to find out about what other communities are doing about fires on the beach. Wynne Bamberg and Clay Bennett volunteered to get in touch with NPS reps, (Don Mannel and Daphne Hatch, possibly also Jon Gervais) to better discuss this issue at the next meeting. The second issue was about dogs. Linda McKay updated the group on this issue. Technically there is a policy for all National Parks stating that no dogs are allowed off leash, although 62 parks allow dogs off leash for hunting. This policy is generally not enforced at the moment. The main issues with off leash dogs are litter, public safety and wildlife.

Q: What role does the Task Force have on this issue? A: The Task Force could request the GGNRA to enforce the on leash policy, this would give a foundation to begin enforcement.

Q: Does the Task Force support enforcement? A: Right now, we have only discussed the issue, no decisions were made about whether the Task Force does support enforcement. Maybe our role could be more about educating the public about what the issues are and why dogs need to be monitored when they are off leash. The SF Dogwalkers are promoting a policy of "responsible off leash activity" in as many areas as possible. The majority of dog walkers are responsible citizens, and it is not fair to blame them for all the problems. The SF Dogwalkers are in discussion with the GGNRA regarding this issue, we can ask group representatives if there is something the Task Force can do to help. The third main issue identified as a priority is trash on the beach. Clay Bennett discussed this. Sources of beach trash are fires and firepits, dog litter, thoughtless beach users,

floating trash and gravel/concrete debris in the Sloat area. The question is what to do about it? The NPS agreed to do some pickup on the beach previously, but it would need to happen in the spring, before the beach builds up during the summer. The amount of trash on the beach depends on how quickly it comes and goes. Trash cans can not be placed on the beach, due to the shifting sands. The trashcans along the bike path are usually overflowing. We would like to have bigger trashcans, more frequent pickup and better recycling of bottles and cans. The Task Force can write letters to the DPW requesting more frequent pickups and better trash receptacles. We could also be involved with education for beach users, to pick up after themselves. For the dog litter there are some plastic bag dispensers that volunteers have put up near Fort Funston, this could be extended to more areas. Mark and Lara will explore different options, expenses, who to write to. The Task Force could also offer to collaborate with other groups, such as the SF Dogwalkers to promote more responsible beach use in general. The groups reconvened and decided that since the first Wednesday of July is the Fourth, the next meeting will be August 1 at the Sunset Coop Nursery. Meeting adjourned.

Final letter sent to the Board of Supervisors

Ocean Beach Task Force Department of the Environment 11 Grove Street San Francisco, CA 94102

June 15, 2001

San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carleton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

SUBJECT: Financial Support for the Short and Long Term Responses to Erosion at Ocean Beach

Dear Supervisors,

The Ocean Beach Task Force was formed in March 2000 to address some of the pressing issues that are now facing Ocean Beach. The Task Force includes stakeholders and experts from government agencies, community groups and concerned citizens. Over the past year, the Task Force was focused primarily on the erosion problems between Sloat Boulevard and Fort Funston. In February 2001, we sent the attached letter to Mayor Brown that summarized our efforts and provided short and long-term recommendations for addressing erosion. Summaries of the recommendations follow:

**Short Term Recommendation:** To address erosion in the short term, we recommend that the placement of sand should occur on an annual basis. Funding should include monies to monitor the problem area and place additional sand if needed.

**Long Term Recommendation:** To address erosion in long term, we recommend that an engineering feasibility and alternatives analysis be conducted with the million-dollar grant provided to San Francisco by the California Department of Boating and Waterways.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has submitted a budget request to 1) fund 5-years of maintenance on this section of the coast and 2) begin data collection for the long-term alternatives analysis. The multi-year maintenance will enable DPW to negotiate more flexible contracts for beach nourishment and will free up staff time to develop and coordinate the engineering feasibility and alternatives analysis. The Ocean Beach Task Force fully supports DPW's efforts and we urge the Board of Supervisors to fully fund the budget request. Ocean Beach is one of San Francisco's major open space and recreation areas for residents and visitors alike, as well as

critical coastal habitat for marine wildlife. The unmatched scenic beauty of the Pacific Coast, as well as the beach itself, are unique assets that distinguish San Francisco from most all other major metropolitan areas. We sincerely appreciate your attention to this important matter and we cannot stress enough how critical all of our stewardship of Ocean Beach is. If you have any questions about the Task Force please contact me, Lara Truppelli at 415-753-5260. If you have questions about the DPW budget request, please contact Steve Sullivan, DPW at 415-558-4047.

Best Regards, Lara Truppelli Chairperson, Ocean Beach Task Force





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Dear Ocean Beach Task Force Members,

Greetings! As you all know, we did not meet in July as it was July 4th (hope you all had a good one!) We are meeting, as scheduled, next week (August 1st) at 6pm at the Sunset Cooperative Nursery School at Lawton and the Great Highway.

With regard to the natural resources/recreation and access subcommittee, I am making the following suggestion and request that Ocean Beach Task Force Members give this some thought prior to Wednesday's meeting. Based on the efforts and discussions at the May and June meetings for this subcommittee, I feel that due to the nature and size of the Ocean Beach Task Force and the, for lack of a better word, inconsistent representation of members meeting to meeting, we need to explore a broader focus to anchor our efforts. As of now, we are focusing on specific issues and delving into how we can approach the issue, effect change, or advise. The general problem with this approach is as individual members, we have different priorities and these priorities receive focus based on attendance. The result is that our efforts and focus change meeting to meeting. In addition, I don't believe, as a Task Force, it is our role to address issues based on our individual priorities but rather to advise Mayor Brown on Ocean Beach issues in general

In light of this, I believe our efforts can be more effective if we identify a broader focus and purpose that will serve as a format for addressing all relevant issues based on their merit in relation to the environmental health and sustainability of Ocean Beach

Having said that, I want to emphasize that my vision for this does not in anyway preclude the work we have done to date but will instead, I believe, create a productive and comprehensive forum that will allow the Task Force to address environmental, OBTF member, community and agency generated issues pertaining to Ocean Beach in a more effective and productive manner. I want to stress that I am not suggesting that we drop the work and plans to date, but that we find a way to move forward in a unified process

I am proposing that the Ocean Beach Task Force create an "Ocean Beach Stewardship" mission statement that will promote stewardship of Ocean Beach on an individual, community, and agency level. The purpose of this statement is to provide guidance and structure to our efforts. In terms of purpose, the mission statement will clarify our goals as a Task Force. In terms of guidance the mission statement should provide us with both direction and parameters in terms of our work. I am refraining from getting detailed as I believe this idea can be best served by discussion among the natural resources/recreation and access subcommittee

Please give this some thought and bring your vision and ideas to next week's meeting. I look forward to the discussion.

Thank you sincerely for your continued commitment to the Task Force. I truly believe we are doing very important work and feel privileged to be working with each of you.

Best Regards, Lara Truppelli  
Chair, Ocean Beach Task Force





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Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting August 1, 2001 Sunset Cooperative Nursery  
Chaired by Lara Truppelli  
Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

In attendance:

Clay Bennett, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
John Dinger, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Frank Filice, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Kevin Knuuti, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Linda McKay, SF Dogwalkers  
Michael Paquet, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Tamara Williams, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Lesley Ewing, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Peter Mull, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Jack Kourkene Gulbenkian  
Tomasita Medal  
Wendy Poinot, Policy Subcommittee  
Alan Hopkins, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Daphne Hatch, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Jonathan Gervais, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Susan Shors, FOOB  
David Hasigawa,  
David Ferguson, OSAR

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Lara Truppelli opened the meeting with introductions. Lesley Ewing from the Coastal Commission brought posters and cards regarding the California Coastal Cleanup day, on September 15 from 9 AM-noon. For information, call 1-800-COAST-4U.

Tomasita Medal made a motion to approve June minutes, Lesley Ewing seconded, motion passed unanimously. The May minutes are not yet circulated; they will be approved next month.

#### Member Reports:

Frank Filice, Department of Public Works (DPW)

The budget request for this year from the DPW was approved. The amount is about 800,000 dollars, 400,000 for sand nourishment, some money for staff time and monitoring studies. The multi-year request for 1.7 million was not approved. Frank will be taking over this project from Steve O'Sullivan.

Jonathan Gervais, National Park Service (NPS)

Beach posts were approved by the NPS and DPW and will be installed on the beach at the same time as the sand placement. There will be 11 posts placed 10-15 feet in front of bluff toe or 5-6 feet back from the bluff top up and down the area south of Sloat Boulevard. These posts will be used for monitoring the sand profile and bluff retreat.

Kevin Knuuti/Lesley Ewing

Kevin talked to the airport consultants (Moffat and Nichols) and unofficially heard that the idea of using the SF bar as fill for airport construction did not look very likely now. Lesley commented that there was a letter in the Civil Engineering magazine regarding the inappropriateness of using the SF bar as fill.

Wendy Poinsoot, NPS

Wendy received email from the GGNRA maintenance staff regarding exposed steel pipes on the beach in front of the Sloat parking lot and was wondering if the DPW could cut them off. Frank said in the past, they had cut these pipes off when they are doing the annual maintenance, and if they were still exposed they would do this again.

The Task Force split up into the 2 subcommittees.

Physical Processes Subcommittee Minutes  
Taken by Sarah Wright

Frank led the subcommittee meeting. The agenda is as follows:

- A. Discuss Bob Battalio's comments on the April 2001 Beach Inspection Report
- B. Discussion on continued erosion of bluff and exposure of rubble and debris
- C. Annual sand placement, bluff and beach post monitoring project
- D. Report on the Long term project
  - i. Budget issues
  - ii. Roles and responsibilities and procedures
  - iii. Need for policy discussion among the agencies
- E. Discussion of Bob's letter regarding SF Bar as borrow for Airport

Discussion of Bob's comments on the monitoring report (Bob's comments in bold, followed by the discussion).

1. Recommend separating the monitoring from the maintenance and shoreline management recommendations. These are two topics. The monitoring should focus on data presentation, summary, reduction, and interpretation. A separate document with shoreline management recommendations may or may not be appropriate.

Some of these issues may be addressed in the Annual Beach Report, which is due out soon. Recovery rates, reduction in bluff as well as data summaries from 1995-current will be presented.

2. An aerial photograph base for the contours and data collection stations would be helpful.

Is it necessary for an aerial photograph, aren't the physical surveys adequate? Kevin said there are aerial photos from the USACE. John Dingler said the USGS also would have orthophoto quads, to 1m resolution available. Mike Moore at the USGS would have information on all the Ocean Beach photos available. We could make a photo gallery of pictures over the years that could show the changes in beach profile, John will find the current photos and email to Frank, Kevin and Wendy. There may also be pre and post El Nino photos that were done by NOAA.

### 3. More description of accuracy and precision of methods.

The group was not sure exactly what Bob was referring to here. We will ask for clarification.

### 5. Monitoring objectives should be articulated. I suggest the following:

- a. Augment the long-term database to facilitate evaluation of long term trends and shorter-term changes (seasonal, storm, multi-decade)
- b. Track the change in storage volume in beach, dunes and shoreface
- c. Track the movement of sand from the beach/berm nourishment areas
- d. Provide input to adaptive management
- e. Provide data for use in future alternative analyses

This point plus the rest of Bob's comments reflect the frustration that some members of the subcommittee have with the current monitoring program. The point was made by Frank and Lesley that this monitoring program was developed for the specific purpose of monitoring the revetment/sand nourishment project area, and not as a comprehensive survey of beach processes. The DPW's focus is on bluff retreat in the area of the revetment and sand nourishment. As the long-term feasibility analysis will hopefully be starting within a year or two, now could be an opportunity to expand the monitoring program to provide useful data for this study. The Task Force will come up with suggestions for expanding the monitoring program and submit these to DPW and NPS for implementation. Below are some of the comments made regarding the monitoring program. Sarah will send out an email soliciting comments from the Task Force regarding an expanded monitoring program. These comments will be compiled and prioritized at the September meeting.

The narrow focus of the current monitoring program may not capture all the beneficial effects of sand nourishment. The efficient dissipation of wave energy by sand is not currently assessed; hydrographic studies should be done. It is not known where the sand placed on the beach is moving to. The last study of littoral processes was in 1995, will this be part of the feasibility analysis? Any changes in the surf zone, including the offshore bar are not measured. What are effects of sand nourishment/revetment on the other parts of the beach? Does the monitoring program look at extreme events, e.g. before and after storms? What is the extent of rubble fill? Can the rock already on the beach be relocated so as to protect the bluff better without adding more rock? Will this rock be removed as part of the long-term solution?

### Report on the Long-term project

Regarding the long-term study, this will be a project between the Corps of Engineers and the DPW; the NPS will be a cooperating agency. The COE will do the feasibility study; the City will be the lead agency. The usual process for a COE study is 1) reconnaissance study (determines whether there is a federal interest in the project), 2) a feasibility study (does a cost/benefit analysis of all the alternatives and picks one, 3) the construction phase. This project got to the feasibility analysis in 1996, but was stopped by the City before the study was finished and an alternative recommended. Therefore, we will need to do a reevaluation to begin the study again. Most likely the project can go right into the feasibility study. The COE will revisit the purpose/need of the project based on what the City and NPS request.

Frank Filice is going to arrange a meeting with agency representatives to have a management level discussion of the project, to work on making a joint purpose/need statement. The COE needs the City and NPS to say what the concerns are and what needs to be addressed. At this point the Coastal Commission does not need to be involved as their role is more regulatory, although if the project is going to



be outside the scope of the current Local Coastal Plan (LCP), the Commission would need to be consulted.

Bob's letter regarding the Airport Expansion

Given the reports from Lesley/Kevin that the idea of taking from the SF bar has most likely been tabled, it was decided that this letter does not need to be sent now. We will keep checking to make sure if the issue arises again, we will revisit this.

#### Action items

- 1) John Dingler will get aerial photos
- 2) Sarah Wright will send out email soliciting comments on an expanded monitoring program. She will also check with the Department of the Environment regarding putting reports and minutes on their website.
- 3) Frank Filice will arrange a policy level meeting to discuss the development of a purpose/needs statement for the long-term study

Minutes NRRRA (Natural Resources, Recreation and Access) subcommittee 8/01/2001

#### Present-

Lara Truppelli  
Linda McKay  
Clay Bennett  
Alan Hopkins  
Mark Beezy  
Daphne Hatch  
David Ferguson  
Tomasita Medal  
Susan Shors  
David Hasequawa

#### Proposed resolution:

Lara opened the meeting ÿ She suggested that the group might want to switch to a different format in order to be more effective. Her proposal is to create an Ocean Beach stewardship resolution for approval by the Board of Supervisors. We would then weigh specific recommendations against the approved resolution. If a fit, the OBTF would forward specific recommendations to the City and reference the resolution.

There was much discussion about this idea, and discussion about the role of the task force. Communication, advocacy, research were proposed as within its purview. Some see its role as political and proactive ÿ that it should act as a filter and advocate to maintain the beach, improve the quality of life for neighbors and to protect it. Also, that the OBTF should balance the needs of residents, wildlife and recreational needs. Lara reminded us that the priorities of this subcommittee were established months ago.

We reached consensus that it is beyond the scope of this subcommittee to directly with city and federal agencies. Our job should be to state a problem and make recommendations, not to determine solutions. The city is better equipped to find the right solution and deal directly with the relevant agencies.

Lara agreed to try to craft a resolution and asked us to try as well. We'll discuss the draft resolution at the next meeting. (See [sfenvironment.com](http://sfenvironment.com) for a sample resolution that might be a good basis.)

#### Membership:

The discussion moved to subcommittee membership because the mayor does not appoint many current attendees. How do we add or replace members? Do we need a method of replacing people who no longer attend the meetings? Sarah is researching

requirements. Daphne Hatch said that she is an agency representative and wants to work with other representatives who are also part of an organization. Daphne was asked to look at the original structure to see who has been lost and which organizations are no longer represented.

Miscellaneous:

Linda McKay brought Internet information to show that bonfires are allowed at some State and National Parks and agreed to provide the URL's.

<http://www.cruzio.com/~djj/ssc/faq.html>

<http://www.beachcalifornia.com/hbinfo.html>

<http://www.outer-banks.nc.us/newsinfo/randr.htm>

Kevin Barteau of Rec and Park will come to the next meeting to talk about the development of a city park across from Kelly Cove.

Lara is going to have an environmental tent at the Sunset Community Festival (Sunset Community Center, Sept 22nd from 11:00am to 4:00pm.) and asked for suggestions for environmentally sound ideas at Ocean Beach.

Daphne Hatch brought a new brochure called "Enjoying the park with Your Dog". Linda McKay pointed out that these are highly controversial with dog walkers because they no longer identify the area north of Stairwell 21 as off-leash. Ocean Beach Day is September 26th. Lara hopes to raise awareness of this at the festival on the 22nd.

End of subcommittee meeting -

We rejoined and had a recap of each group's findings.

Announcements of events

Mike Paquet

Mike reported that on Saturday August 18 there will be Surfrider Clean Water Day Paddle starting at the Aquatic Park in San Francisco. Signups begin at 9am, paddle is from 10-11:30. After the paddle (all abilities welcome) there will be a free Luau BBQ.

Lesley Ewing

A civil engineering conference, WAVES, will be held 9/1, and will include a tour of Crissy Field in the Presidio. Coastal Cleanup day is 9/15, 9-noon.

Jonathan Gervais

Golden Gate Bridge is undergoing seismic retrofitting, and Fort Point will be closed Mondays-Thursdays.

Lara Truppelli

The Sunset Community Festival is being held Saturday 9/22 from 11-4, with the focus being environmental issues. If anyone would like to come and represent the Task Force and promote stewardship of the Beach, contact Lara. Also 9/26 is Ocean Beach Day, by proclamation, how should we celebrate this?

The next meeting will be Wednesday 9/5 at the Sunset Cooperative.

Meeting adjourned.







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Physical Processes :

Agenda for Sept 5 2001 mtg:

0. Recent Event / Announcements
1. Review draft letter to SFO(continued)
2. Monitoring Objectives and Components
3. Shoreline Mapping
4. Data and Information Management
5. Annual Report by City DPW

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Agenda September 5th 2001 6pm Sunset Co-op Nursery School

- I. Introductions
- II. Approve May 2001 minutes (Action Item)
- III. Approve August 2001 minutes (Action Item)
- IV. "Ocean Beach Day" (presentation by Wynne Bamberg)
- V. Break into Subcommittees,
- VI. Reconvene and Brief Review of Subcommittee Activities
- VII. Adjourn

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Agenda-Physical Processes Subcommittee (Agenda will be emailed tomorrow)

Agenda- Natural Resources, Recreation and Access Subcommittee

- 1. "Ocean Beach day"
- 2. Sunset Community Festival Environment Pavillion
- 3. Ocean Beach Resolution-review draft and discuss

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## SF Environment

September 05, 2001

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

OceanBeach Task Force Meeting September 5,2001 Sunset Cooperative Nursery

Chaired by Lara Truppelli

Minutes taken by SarahWright

#### In attendance:

Wynne Bamberg, NaturalRes/Rec and Access Subcommittee

Kevin Barteaux, PolicySubcommittee

Marc Beezy, Natural Res/Recand Access Subcommittee

Lesley Ewing, PhysicalProcesses Subcommittee

Frank Filice, PhysicalProcesses Subcommittee

Daphne Hatch, NaturalRes/Rec and Access Subcommittee

Alan Hopkins, NaturalRes/Rec and Access Subcommittee

Kevin Knuuti, PhysicalProcesses Subcommittee

Don Mannel, Natural Res/Recand Access Subcommittee

Linda McKay, SF Dogwalkers

Michael Paquet, PhysicalProcesses Subcommittee

Mark Westlund, PolicySubcommittee

Paul Gulbenkian

TomasitaMedal

SusanShors, FOOB

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Lara Truppelli opened the meeting with introductions. Amy Quirk emailed in two comments regarding the May minutes, 1) correction of spelling to her name and 2) requesting attachment of a memorandum listing SF Airport contact numbers. The group was asked if anybody had this attachment. It was mentioned at the May meeting, but never distributed. Sarah will follow up with Amy to see if it exists. Don Mannel made a motion to approve the May minutes with corrections, Tomasita Medal seconded the motion and it is approved unanimously. Marc Beezy made a motion to approve the August minutes, Alan Hopkins seconded the motion and they were also approved unanimously.

#### Member Announcements

Kevin Barteaux described the dune restoration that will occur on Parcel 4, located near Balboa St and the Great Highway, under Sutro Heights. They will create dunes with native plantings as well as a boardwalk through it. The project is going out to bid and construction will start in about a month.

Q: Who can we contact regarding the plan for restoration?

A: Martha Ketterer with the DPW is coordinating the project. The NPS has done similar projects, e.g., the Lobos dune.

Lesley Ewing reminded allmembers that the Coastal Cleanup Day is Saturday September 15, 2001 from 9am tonoon. There is a meeting place atLincoln and Great Highway, also at Pacheco and Great Highway. For more posters call DPW.

Lara Truppelli showedposters for the Sunset Community Day on Saturday September 22, 2001 from 11 amto 4 pm at the Sunset Recreational Center. The theme is the environment.

Wynne Bamberg made apresentation regarding Ocean Beach Day on September 26. This day was established by Mayor Brown afew years ago. This year, the messageis educational stewardship. From11:30-1:30, three second grade classes from Sunset Elementary School will goout to the beach. There they will hearspeeches from the new director of the Department of the Environment, andSupervisor Yee, some storytelling followed by a bird walk, litter pick up andwater safety discussion. The secondgrade curriculum is oceans, so the classes have already been studyingthis. Wynne asked for volunteers tolead the bird walk and the water safety discussion, her phone number is415-681-8689.

Q: Does the Task Force want to be a co-sponsorof this event? What would that entail?

A: Nothing involved for the actual event, it ismore for the media releases regarding the event. We would like to make a contact list for the media if they havequestion about particular issues. TheDepartment of the Environment can also be a cosponsor of the event and providea contact number. The Beach Chalet isproviding snacks.

Lesley Ewing made a motionfor the Task Force to be a cosponsor for the Ocean Beach Day. Mike Paquet seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Wynne would like todocument this pilot project and see if it can be expanded to more schools inthe future. SF Linking, an organizationthat promotes service learning in the classroom is participating in the eventalso.

#### Membership Update

The question arose lastmeeting about membership and who is officially on the Task Force and what isthe mechanism to replace members who leave. Sarah and Lara are working on this issue and will present at the nextmeeting.

#### SF Airport Bay Fill

Kevin Knuuti said that theAirport has officially approached the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) to do astudy regarding the dredging of the SF Bar for fill. The SF bar and a large U-shaped sand bar located just west of theGolden Gate. The COE periodicallydredges a shipping channel through the bottom of the U (about 500,000 cubicyards), and places this dredge material at the south end of the bar. This placement likely nourishes Ocean Beach. The proposal from the Airport, as weunderstand it, would involve removing up to 50 million cubic yards of sand fromthe bar.

Bob Battalio stated thatthis proposal would most likely be highly detrimental to Ocean Beach and thatthe Task Force should make this known. He has drafted a letter that we discussed last month. This letter will be reviewed in the PhysicalProcesses Subcommittee and then circulated to the whole Task Force forapproval. There is a charter amendmenton the San Francisco ballot in November that if passed would require voterapproval to fill more than 100 acres of the Bay.

We split into subcommittee meetings.

Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

We continued the discussion of the letter regarding fill. There were questions on whether it was appropriate for the Task Force to have an opinion on this matter, and if Task Force members who have other institutional affiliations should sign the letter. It was decided that since the Task Force was created to advise the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on matters regarding Ocean Beach, we should send the letter to the Mayor to tell him of our concerns. The letter could be copied to the Board of Supervisors as well as the agencies involved in Airport expansion (e.g., Office of Environmental Review, Federal Aviation Administration). This letter could also be copied to the Department of the Environment, which could arrange some media coverage, if desired.

There are really two main issues with the airport expansion: 1) the actual filling of the Bay and 2) where the material will come from. The jurisdiction of the source material will depend on where they get it from.

Q: What is the tone of the letter?

A: It should be informative, telling of the possible detrimental effects of such massive dredging. The letter is to lay people, so we need to spell out what could happen, e.g., loss of beach, threat to the infrastructure, with the technical details perhaps discussed later. We could mention a ballpark figure for how much money the City has spent on the infrastructure at Ocean Beach, and comment that this might be threatened by the dredging proposal.

Bob will redraft the letter and circulate by email. He requests prompt response so we can move forward with this soon. Lesley Ewing brought a copy of the letter in the journal Civil Engineering from Orville Magoon and Billy Edge, noted coastal engineers, commenting on this idea of taking fill from the SF bar was a bad idea. We can mention this in the letter as well.

Frank Filice brought several documents for discussion tonight.

1) Copy of the special use permit from the Department of the Interior to the SF DPW for the construction of the sand barrier. This permit was reviewed in 1999 and expires in 2002.

The clause regarding monitoring states: "The permittee will provide on-going monitoring of the Permitted Premises and surrounding areas to identify erosion and maintenance needs for the duration of the term of the permit." He made the point that the monitoring required is of the sand barrier and revetment, technically the beach is under the NPS purview. The objective of the monitoring plan is permit compliance.

The group then discussed expansion of the monitoring. Bob suggested several monitoring objectives, including 1) permit compliance; 2) data for use in future alternatives analysis; 3) input for adaptive management. If we can agree on the objectives, we could make a list of components necessary to achieve the objectives and then prioritize the list. As a group we need to determine what is the essential information needed to aid in the long-term alternatives analysis.

2) A letter from the State Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to the DPW, dated 8/8/2001, and a letter from the DPW to the COE, dated 8/28/2001.



The DBW letter suggests strongly that the City consider using the COE as a partner for this project.

The DPW letter is to the COE requesting resumption of the 1992 Feasibility study, and requests a meeting among jurisdictional agencies (California Coastal Commission, GGNRA, DPW). Kevin Knuuti commented that the contact name for the COE was incorrect, and said the letter should be sent to Cynthia Nelson, Head of Programs and Project Management.

3) Topographical diagram showing the plan for this year's sand placement. It will cost the City about \$350,000, and the sand profile will stay above the COE jurisdictional. The project will start around November 1.

4) A technical drawing of the detailed location of the sewer utilities under the Great Highway south of Sloat Boulevard, drawings dated 06/01. This drawing shows the exact location of the 14 foot sewer transport pipe relative to the Great Highway. Also shown is an 18 inch VCP (vitrified clay pipe) located even further west of the transport line. This VCP carries stormwater runoff into the Treatment Plant, and would be the first piece of infrastructure to be damaged in the event of severe erosion.

5) Ocean Beach 2001; Status and Erosion Report, dated 08/01, prepared by CH2Mhill. Frank distributed copies of this year's Beach report for the Physical Processes Subcommittee to review. In it there are summaries of several years of monitoring data, including seasonal beach widths. We will discuss this next time.

Lastly, Lesley Ewing said there will be aerial photos taken this fall of the coastline. There was a discussion as to whether we could use this to look at overall erosion by comparing to previous photographs.

Ocean beach Task Force Minutes 9/5/01  
Natural Resources, Recreation and Access Subcommittee  
Notes taken by Susan Shors

Present

Lara Truppelli, Chair

Wynne Bamberg

Don Mannel

Daphne Hatch

Mark Beezy

Mark Westland

Jack Kourkene Gulbenkian (Paul)

Linda McKay

Clay Bennett

Tomasita Medal

Susan Shors

Alan Hopkins

Wynne Bamberg reported on plans for Ocean Beach Day, September 26, 2001. Sixty second grade students from Sunset School will participate in educational activities such as water safety, a nature walk, and beach care.

Daphne Hatch stated there may be new information signs available for posting regarding wildlife harassment. Lara Truppelli suggests that OBTF may want to help with that project.

Lara Truppelli announced Sunset Community Day September 22, 2001 at 28th and Lawton, from 11-6.

Mark Beezy suggests handing out information about the airport expansion plan to mine the Ocean Beach sandbar.

Discussion of the Draft Resolution

Don Mannel: The resolution should stem from the Task Force's original purpose and list environmental and recreational issues. Maybe OBTF should take stock of these issues, report to the Mayor, resolve what needs to be done and provide a framework.

Linda McKay proposed using the resolution to select one issue and solve it, such as dealing with garbage.

Tomasita Medal said we should identify issues on which we can agree, reach a consensus and report to the Mayor.

Jack Kourkene Gulbenkian (Paul) proposed a resolution for submission to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on recreational issues.

Wynne Bamberg proposed identifying issues lacking consensus and using arbitration to arrive at solutions.

Susan Shors offered that a resolution could serve to preserve the existence of OBTF beyond the current administration.

Mark Beezy supported the idea of a resolution to the Board of Supervisors and suggested that people be encouraged to review past minutes of OBTF meetings on the Dept of Environment web site.

Clay Bennett asked that a resolution address the collective failure of existing regulatory agencies to take care of the beach and suggested that OBTF employ both a resolution and letters recommending specific action.

Don Mannel proposed the use of recommendation letters on issues already identified by OBTF, including protecting birds, access to the beach, beach fires, public transportation, restrooms, and sand removal.

Mark Westlund thought a series of specific recommendations should be followed by a resolution that supports the issues already identified. OBTF could ask the Board of Supervisors for a resolution to put teeth into the recommendations made to the Mayor.

Alan Hopkins said OBTF should send the Board of Supervisors a statement of concerns and a resolution directed at resolving those problems. This could include creating a full-time position for someone to act as a go-between among the agencies.

Daphne Hatch wanted the resolution to contain specific recommendations to solve on-going issues, like the soft-sand barrier. The resolution should move issues forward. OBTF should not be institutionalized as a task force. Issues that are not a matter of consensus should be resolved.



Lara Truppelli suggested a publicly recognized document about how to function in a multi-jurisdictional setting. She summarized the suggestions: (1) Recommendations should be made for resolution of already agreed-upon issues, (2) these should be followed up with a resolution, including preservation of OBTF, (3) and a proposal for a method of resolving issues in conflict, such as use of arbitration.

Don Mannel moved, seconded by Clay Bennett and Daphne, that OBTF (1) make recommendations for solving agreed-upon issues, (2) draft a resolution empowering those recommendations, (3) identify a process for resolving disputed issues.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



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## SF Environment

October 03, 2001

### Department of the Environment

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#### Ocean Beach Task Force

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Dear Ocean Beach Task Force Members and Friends,

Our October meeting is next Wednesday Oct. 3rd at 6pm and will be held at the Sunset Cooperative Nursery school at the Great Highway and Lawton.





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November 14, 2001

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Dear Ocean Beach Task Force Members and Friends of Ocean Beach Task Force,

The November meeting for the Ocean Beach Task Force will be the SECOND Wednesday in November which is November 14th. Same time and place (6pm-Sunset Co-op).

Thanks,

Lara Truppelli







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## SF Environment

November 14, 2001

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting November 14, 2001 Sunset Cooperative Nursery

Chaired by Lara Truppelli

Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

In attendance:

Bob Battalio, Chair, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Marc Beezy, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Frank Filice, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Jonathan Gervais, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Alan Hopkins, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Don Mannel, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Linda McKay, SF Dogwalkers  
George Orbelian, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Michael Paquet, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Mark Westlund, Chair, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Lara Truppelli, Chair Ocean Beach Task Force  
Tomasita Medal  
Sarah Wright  
David Ferguson  
Jim Firth from Supervisor Yee's office

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Lara Truppelli opened the meeting with the agenda for the meeting: Introductions, approve October minutes, presentation by Frank Filice regarding erosion South of Sloat Boulevard and break into subcommittees (NRRRA to review letter, PP to discuss Frank's proposal). Mark Westlund made a motion to approve the October minutes, Mike Paquet seconded it and the motion was passed unanimously.

Frank Filice, from the Department of Public Works (DPW), presented what the DPW has been planning regarding the erosion site South of Sloat Boulevard. He brought documents describing a conceptual plan and an implementation plan. The goal, as stated in the conceptual plan is to: "Develop consensus on reestablishing Ocean Beach by relocation of the roadway and evaluating what structural supports are needed in conjunction with a phased managed retreat and long term beach restoration program."

This goal has as objectives to 1) conduct a restoration of the Beach that maintains the Great Highway as a transportation corridor, and 2) widen the Beach within the constraints of the physical structures located there. These physical structures are the parking lots, rubble on the beach, the roadway, either in its current location or a retreated location, and the sewer transport pipe.

The City has been evaluating alternatives to the current sand nourishment program, which will NOT occur this year. The City feels that the nourishment program is not cost effective as much of the sand is sacrificial and is permanently lost each year. The money spent on 7 years of sand nourishment could be less than the cost of road relocation and some supporting structure, with the same public benefit. The permit for the sand nourishment expires in July 2002, it may be possible to have an alternative support structure east of where the sand barrier is now. The sand barrier itself protrudes onto the beach and makes the beach narrower.

The process for this proposal is as follows:

1) Coordination with the National Park Service/Golden Gate National Recreation Area (NPS/GGNRA). The GGNRA is the landowner west of the Great Highway. The DPW is committed to maintain natural processes in what is an "unnatural environment".

2) The Army Corps of Engineers (COE) have their process, which involves a scoping/reconnaissance phase including a cost benefit analysis of proposed alternatives and a construction phase.

3) The DPW is going to arrange a meeting with the GGNRA, COE, DPW, California Coastal Commission to discuss how to begin this process and to prepare for the 1 million-dollar grant from the State Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW). The DBW money will most likely be used to get started on the studies with the COE. The DBW is giving money for beach restoration (used to be for seawalls) and to pay for the local share of a COE project. It may be useful to have the COE involved, as it and the GGNRA/NPS are both Federal agencies. The San Francisco COE has recently interpreted some of its rules to be able to include some benefit of relocation of structures. This is different than in the past where they were not allowed to assign benefit to relocation.

Frank then described three options being considered by the DPW, with diagrams to illustrate them. The first is to move the Great Highway (South of Sloat Boulevard) east onto the existing median. The road would shift the most at the southern end of the section, with little movement at the northern end, near the old Fleishhacker pool/Westside pump station. The idea is to get the roadway east of the transport pipe. The second option is the same as the first, but adding a left turn lane into the Zoo. The third option is to close the southbound lanes of the Great Highway and reroute traffic onto Sloat and around the Zoo.

Q: Is the transport pipe a stabilizing force? Will the erosion go back that far (to threaten the pipe)? If the roadway is moved will anchoring capacity need to be added to the pipe?

A: The pipe is deeper than the roadway and is tunneled in the Colma formation which is firmer than dune sand and adds some shear strength. We could do some chemical grouting which would also add shear strength, this was done during the construction. There should be a technical study should be done to evaluate the actual risks of possible damage to the sewer transport pipe.

Q: How far inland is the construction rubble that is currently exposed on the beach?

A: We don't know, and would have to look at boring reports from the construction of the Westside Plant and possibly do more studies.

Q: What is the short-term plan for this winter, since the sand is not going to be placed?

A: Option three, temporary closure of the southbound lanes of the Great Highway and rerouting of traffic around the Zoo.



There was some discussion of how the traffic would flow, and if this could accommodate the current capacity. We don't really know what the current traffic volume is. These studies need to be done. Maybe the road could just be closed, if it was an emergency it would be and people would just have to go another way. Pedestrian access at the intersection of Great Highway and Skyline is already difficult, this may make it harder to cross the road. Another option could be closing the southbound lanes and using the northbound as one lane each way.

Q: What is the depth of the coastal hazard zone?

A: The 1995 COE Feasibility study looked at this, but not for this exact area. An estimate would be about 40 feet inland of current shoreline location, approximately what is being proposed as a setback. This would be an important aspect to include in any studies of the area.

Q: The new entrance to the SF Zoo is on the Great Highway, can this be changed?

A: The plans for the Zoo renovations were approved in the early 90's, and most likely did not consider coastal processes.

Bob Battalio made the following comments on Frank's proposals.

Friends of Ocean Beach and Surfrider Foundation have been proposing relocation of the road and other infrastructure in this area for the last 2-3 years. This is a very forward looking approach to move infrastructure out of the coastal hazard zone, and we appreciate the positive efforts that DPW and the City are making to do this. We should remember that this is a long-term process and it may take decades to remove all of the structures and restore as much of the natural processes that we can.

The important thing is that there is firm commitment over the long term to maintain this goal. The goal to restore natural shoreline processes is a worthwhile goal, and it does not mean we have to go back to the historical shoreline (near Lake Merced). The managed retreat strategy is a project that allows time for large entities to plan for relocation of infrastructure. It may also allow for temporary armoring, as long as the long-term goal of removal is maintained.

One key issue that I see is the area near the Zoo entrance, where the Fleishhacker building is. This part of the road goes west out towards the ocean, and there is no median here, so it will not be set back. In the long term this area will likely always be a problem area, so while we are considering road relocation it would be smart to plan to move both north and southbound lanes in this area east. That bend is where the sewer pipe turns into the pump station. It may be more cost effective to reconfigure this pipe than to build a seawall in this location.

The subcommittees broke out.

Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Minutes by Sarah Wright

Frank clarified the DPW plan:

1) For this winter if there is a problem the southbound lanes will be closed and traffic rerouted. Presumably this would be a temporary closure, when the beach has restabilized in the spring/summer the road could be reopened.

2) The next step would be a lateral stabilization of the southbound lanes (in the next 1-2 years). This step would require NPS approval. Note in the initial agreement with the City and the NPS/GGNRA (dated 4/29/72), article 7 states "The United States will grant the City the right to enter upon the transferred lands for the purpose of maintaining lateral support for the City's roads and bridges. The United States does



reserve the right to approve the City's proposed measures or remedies in regards to the maintenance of lateral support. In an extreme emergency, after notifying the General Superintendent, the City shall be entitled to enter upon the lands transferred and take such temporary action as is necessary for the immediate preservation of a roadway or bridge. Nothing herein shall limit or waive any legal remedy which the City may otherwise have in regard to maintenance of lateral support by the federal government."

3) In the 1-3 year timeframe the City would plan for permanent road relocation. This is how long it will take to get an Environmental Impact Statement approved.

There was a discussion about cobble beaches. These are naturally occurring in England and other parts of the world. Recent research presented at the California Shore and Beach Association meeting entitled "Restoring the Beach" suggested that the cobbles (small rocks) apparently behave differently than sand alone or large rocks alone, and could be beneficial for shore protection. The porosity of the cobbles (highly porous, allowing water through) seems to absorb the wave energy better than sand. The question for Ocean Beach is whether cobbles would be considered a soft or hard structure. The cobbles are considered a soft structure because they are porous, unlike a concrete wall, but since they are not naturally found at Ocean Beach, they may be considered a hard structure. It is not clear if there is any governing body (e.g., the Coastal Commission) that would have the authority to issue an opinion on this.

There was more discussion about the proposed rerouting of the Great Highway.

Q: What are the criteria used to evaluate traffic patterns, and who decides what capacity is required?

A: The traffic studies are done in a specified manner, e.g., how many cars, what time of day etc. The City (DPW or Department of Parking and Traffic) may make the evaluation of required capacity.

Q: What is the trigger point for road closure?

A: When the erosion reaches a certain point, and there are public safety issues.

The current status is that no sand will be placed this year, the road will be closed if erosion is severe, and the DPW and GGNRA will decide what can be done next summer in lieu of sand placement. While the DPW has come up with this plan on their own, all the Ocean Beach stakeholders need to be considered in the plan. We need to be committed to a certain compromise now, as later we might lose the momentum. Other city departments should also be involved (e.g., PUC, Department of the Environment, Department of Parking and Traffic, Department of Recreation and Parks), as well as NPS/GGNRA, the COE and Coastal Commission.

The Task Force is a public forum that could be used to solicit comments and concerns from interested parties regarding the plans for dealing with the erosion issue and other issues. If need be we can increase outreach to make sure interested parties understand this role of Task Force meetings.

There will be a meeting on December 5, 2001, at the Sunset Cooperative Nursery.

Meeting adjourned.



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## SF Environment

December 05, 2001

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Agenda Dec. 5th 6pm Sunset Co-op

- I. Introductions
- II. Approve Nov. Minutes
- III. Briefly discuss Dec. CA Coastal Commission Meetings and Commission on the Environment's Jan. Meeting
- IV. Break Into Subcommittees
  - Natural Resources, Recreation and Access Subcommittee:
    - Review letter to Mayor Brown
    - Review resolution
  - Physical Processes Subcommittee
    - Review DPW Project Plans and status. Opportunity to ask questions.
- V. Reconvene and Adjourn

To: Mayor Brown  
From: Ocean Beach Task Force  
Re: Critical Issues at Ocean Beach  
Date: October 31, 2001

Dear Mr. Mayor,

The Ocean Beach Task Force has been working over the last year and a half to identify challenges and present solutions for issues at Ocean Beach. Along with erosion issues, we have been working on natural resource, recreation, and aesthetic issues that are critical to maintaining the quality of the natural environment and the quality of life in San Francisco. We are presenting these issues and possible solutions to identify action items and responsible agencies to begin the process of resolution. Your input is essential in moving forward with these items and we hope to have the opportunity to present our work to you or your staff.

Local agencies, including the City, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), and the Coastal Commission could develop a partnership program that promotes respect for Ocean Beach, including an educational, environmental, and public relations components. Elements of the program could include:

Improved Protection of Wildlife

Better interpretation of wildlife values through a partnership between the GGNRA and the school children of San Francisco through the School District.

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A program that discuss protection for all species and includes a habitat restoration program, so children and adults can work directly on Ocean Beach. An important element is the continued support for current efforts and measures to protect wildlife at Ocean Beach, especially for the Snowy Plover.

#### Reduction in the Trash on the Beach

Installation of "DO NOT LITTER" signs and increased enforcement from both the U.S. Park Police and San Francisco Police Department. Better trash receptacles that keep out scavengers and do not allow neighborhood dumping. The GGNRA is currently proposing a change in garbage handling. Review and encouragement of better methods is advised.

#### Better Access to Recreation Areas

Please consider examining the possibility of a MUNI connection to the major recreation areas in the City. This could include a coastline express on weekends or some progressive strategy to take beach users to our recreation areas. There is currently one disabled ramp to Ocean Beach. To serve this group, it may be advisable for the Department of Parking & Traffic to designate handicapped parking near that ramp or to encourage the GGNRA and City Officials to work together to improve the ability of disabled San Franciscans and visitors to enjoy the beach. Encourage the GGNRA to improve the condition of seawall steps along the O'Shaughnessy Seawall.

#### A Reduction in Beach Fires

Due to safety hazards, including residual burning logs and nails, the large amount of trash and debris that results from party goers, the negative effects upon wildlife, and the air pollution that is created by fires, action is needed to address fires on Ocean Beach. Encourage the GGNRA to address the fire issue and create an effective system that reduces those impacts.

#### Installation of additional Restrooms and Telephones

Improvement and expansion of restroom facilities is needed at Ocean Beach. Restroom facilities could be added in visitor friendly and open areas. Emergency telephones should be added at Ocean Beach, especially because of the active surf. Other telephone service should be expanded.

#### Better Sand Removal

Sand on the walkways and promenade can be an obstacle and potentially a safety hazard for walkers and bicyclists. The areas that appear to accumulate sand include the seawall from Balboa to Lincoln and the promenade from Noriega to Santiago. We suggest a more regular schedule of maintenance.

#### Removal of Eroding Infrastructure

As part of the resolution of the erosion near Sloat, we propose a cleanup that removes the remaining hazards in the area, including underwater piers and rubble on the beach that has migrated from the cliff face.

#### Public Relations Campaign



An aspect of the program could include publicity for the preservation and restoration of Ocean Beach.

We look forward to continuing to work on building consensus to move forward with solving these challenges at Ocean Beach. We invite you or your staff on a tour of Ocean Beach to look at some of the issues we have raised or we can present these issues to whom you see fit. We also request that you convene the policy subcommittee of the Task Force, which consists of department heads and heads of state and federal agencies, to address the challenges and solutions proposed herein.

Thank you for your continued support of our important work.

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## SF Environment

December 05, 2001

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting December 5, 2001 Sunset Cooperative Nursery  
Chaired by Lara Truppelli  
Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

In attendance:

Bob Battalio, Chair, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Frank Filice, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Don Mannel, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Linda McKay, SF Dogwalkers  
Peter Mull, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Mark Westlund, Chair, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Lara Truppelli, Chair Ocean Beach Task Force  
Tomasita Medal  
Lesley Ewing, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Tamara Williams, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Susan Shors  
Sarah Wright  
Jim Firth from Supervisor Yee's office  
Andrew Lee, Special Assistant to the Mayor

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Lara Truppelli opened the meeting with introductions. Mark Westlund made a motion to approve the October minutes, Don Mannel seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. An announcement was made about next week's meeting of the California Coastal Commission (CCC) in San Francisco. The meeting is on Tuesday through Friday at the Hyatt Regency. Information on the agenda is at the Coastal Commission's web site. Around lunchtime there is usually time for public comment, 3-5 minutes per person.

Q: Does the CCC say when local coastal plans (LCP) should be reviewed?

A: It is written into the Coastal Act that the LCP's should be reviewed every five years, but this has not been done due to lack of funding and staff. The CCC does the update with help from local agencies. They are currently identifying critical areas that need updates, and are working on budget augmentation for this. It would be helpful if the communities asked Commission for an update. In one case, Sand City and Trinidad, the city requested an LCP update; in another case, Marina del Ray, a legislative request was made for an LCP update.

Lara said she was going to attend the meeting, as a private citizen, and encouraged other Task Force members to also attend if they wished.

The San Francisco City Commission on the Environment is going to meet in the Sunset District on the third Tuesday in January (1/15). This would be a good opportunity to talk to them about the Ocean Beach issues, particularly the letter to the Mayor that we are working on now. Perhaps we can get the Commission to sponsor the resolution to the Board of Supervisors that will be based on this letter.

Bob Battalio gave an update on the SF Airport plans for using the SF bar as fill. He reported that he gave a presentation to the Airport Commission regarding the SF bar and what some of the issues might be in using it for fill. They are still considering the bar as fill, there are two other places also being considered, inbay borrow (Bay Farm, across from Hunter's Point on the Oakland side of the bay) and the Canadian Puget Sound, a quarry near Vancouver Island. The range of airport expansion plans would need between 4.5-45 million cubic yards of fill. Some of these alternatives might require dumping of fill and then subsequent dredging to get the fill in the right place. The consultants, Moffat and Nichols, and the Airport Commission seem aware of the potential adverse effects. There are studies being done that have not been released. With the passage of Proposition D (which will require voter approval of bay fill projects larger than a certain size) it is murky what will be the procedure for the airport expansion plans. However, it does seem clear that the Airport expansion is moving forward and will use some fill.

We broke into subcommittees. NRRR discussed the letter; the final version is at the end of the minutes.

Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

Frank Filice (from DPW) opened the discussion with a recap of options for erosion that were discussed at our last meeting. In the short term, sand placement every year is not cost effective, so DPW is considering other options such as roadway/traffic reconfiguration. For the intermediate timeframe, some structural protection either on City property or National Park Service (NPS) property may be needed. In the long-term, some kind of beach restoration may be considered. At this point, DPW is leading the project, but in the long-term NPS would need to be involved.

Q: What is the intermediate time frame?

A: 1-3 years, depending on funding to implement roadway realignment. This should be enough time to get environmental review and permitting done. The intermediate response will be to move the road as far inland (away from the beach) as possible, and then do some kind of structural support to maintain the four lanes of the Great Highway.

Q: Is the DPW planning on closing the roadway completely?

A: We are monitoring the bluff slope now. When the slope is too steep and may be a public hazard we will close the southbound lanes. Right now, there is about 60 feet of bluff, and it is about 17-18 feet from bottom to top of bluff.

Q: How much room would the roadway realignment give?

A: At the south end of the roadway (near the entrance to the Oceanside Wastewater Treatment Plant) the road will move about 40 feet inland (this is the width of the median in this location). In the area where there is no median (near where the current revetment is located) the road will not move. In this area, there is still the width of the bluff area and the parking lots before the road would be threatened. There may be "storm-generated" issues, i.e., if there is a lot of erosion during a storm we may need to evaluate structural protection. An emergency situation would



take precedent

In the area where there is no median, there is underutilized land that maybe could be used to move both the northbound and southbound lanes inland. This is the area where the road goes out towards the beach the most.

Q: What is the trigger point for road relocation/closure?

A: The road will be closed when it is determined to be a public hazard.

Q: Is DPW considering going before the Board of Supervisors to get an emergency permit to place rock on the beach?

A: We are planning to close the southbound lanes if there are safety issues. In order to reopen the road later, we may need to place structural support. Depending upon how much erosion occurs, this may happen on City or on NPS land.

Q: Could the permit to put structural support on the beach/bluff contain provisions that this material must be removed later?

A: The NPS could bond the City to remove anything placed on their property.

Q: Why does the road need to be maintained at 4 lanes? Why is there the assumption that motorists needs are more important than all the other Ocean Beach stakeholders?

A: The Task Force is one group, the DPW would look for broader public opinion about what options there are.

Q: Have traffic studies been done? Have other options been considered, like making closing the southbound lanes entirely and making the road 1 lane in each direction?

A: No. The alternatives considered (moving southbound lanes into the median) are the easiest to implement. It does not involve traffic rerouting or extensive review. The designs are almost done, and then Department of Parking and Traffic will review them.

Q: The immediate response for this winter will be to detour the traffic and close the southbound lanes. In 2 years, the road can be relocated. So what will be done between now and the two years?

A: The DPW and NPS will discuss alternatives to sand to provide lateral support in order to reopen the roadway. Presumably these alternatives will be some kind of hard structure possibly located further inland, if there is significant erosion.

Several members voiced concern about why it would be necessary to protect the road even in the 1-3 years before relocation, if the DPW was planning to close the southbound lanes anyway. There was also discussion that if rocks were placed on the beach to support the road, what commitment was there to continue in the process of managed retreat/road relocation. There were some proposals that the Task Force could endorse the DPW's possible request for support structures if it was clearly stated that road relocation would occur and whatever armoring was placed would be removed in the process of managed retreat. The long term commitment would also include the restoration of the natural processes to whatever degree was practical. The Task Force could work with the Commission on the Environment to spell these things out and timeframes etc. in the resolution resulting from the recommendation letter we are working on now.



The discussion moved to what the Task Force's role is in this process. The DPW is leading the project now, but is working with NPS to deal with sponsorship of these issues. The Task Force is a public venue for discussion of plans, if needed more outreach could be done to get other interested parties, e.g., motorists etc, so as to broaden the representation. Members of the Task Force have benefited from the education and learning about the issues with coastal erosion, for example. One role for the Task Force could be spearheading an effort to get the Local Coastal Plan updated. This update may be the appropriate mechanism to deal with Ocean Beach issues.

The Task Force regrouped and Mark Westlund read the letter with changes. Don Mannel made a motion to approve the letter, Tomasita Medal seconded it. The motion was unanimously passed. Mark will add the corrections discussed tonight, email it to the entire Task Force. If there are no objections to it, Lara will sign on behalf of the Task Force and send it to the Mayor. We will work on turning this into language for a resolution regarding erosion and usage issues. The next meeting will be Wednesday January 2 at the Sunset Cooperative Nursery.

Meeting adjourned.

Below is the final version of the letter sent to the Mayor, with copies to members of the Board of Supervisors and the Commission on the Environment.

Ocean Beach Task Force  
Department of the Environment  
11 Grove Street  
San Francisco, CA. 94102

December 19, 2001

Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.

Office of the Mayor  
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Mr. Mayor,

The Ocean Beach Task Force has been working over the last year and a half to identify challenges and present solutions for issues at Ocean Beach. Along with erosion issues, we have been working on natural resource, recreation, and aesthetic issues that are critical to maintaining the quality of the natural environment and the quality of life in San Francisco. We are presenting these issues and possible solutions to identify action items and responsible agencies to begin the process of resolution. Your input is essential in moving forward with these items and we hope to have the opportunity to present our work to you and/or your staff.

We encourage the agencies responsible for Ocean Beach to creatively consider all the options and balance the interests of all users of Ocean Beach.

Local agencies, including the City, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), and the California Coastal Commission (CCC) could develop a partnership program that promotes respect for Ocean Beach, including educational, environmental, and public relations components. Elements of the program could include, but are not limited to the following:

### Improved Protection of Wildlife

Provide better education regarding wildlife and natural resource values through a partnership between the GGNRA, the CCC, and the school children of San Francisco through the School District.

Initiate a program that discusses protection for all species and includes a habitat restoration program, so children and adults can work directly on Ocean Beach. An important element is the continued support for current efforts and measures to protect wildlife at Ocean Beach, especially for the Snowy Plover.

### Reduction in the Trash on the Beach

Install "DO NOT LITTER" signs and increase enforcement from both the U.S. Park Police and San Francisco Police Department.

Provide better trash receptacles that promote recycling, while prohibiting scavengers and neighborhood dumping. The GGNRA is currently proposing a change in garbage handling. Review and encouragement of better methods is advised.

Increase frequency of trash collection by the Department of Public Works (DPW) along the Promenade and the multi-use pathways between Lincoln Avenue and Sloat Boulevard.

### Better Access to Recreation Areas

Consider the possibility of a MUNI connection to the major recreation areas in the City. This could include a coastline express on weekends or some progressive strategy to take beach users to our recreation areas.

There is currently one disabled ramp to Ocean Beach. To serve this group, it may be advisable for the Department of Parking & Traffic to designate handicapped parking near that ramp or to encourage the GGNRA and City Officials to work together to improve the ability of disabled San Franciscans and visitors to enjoy the beach.

Encourage the GGNRA to improve the condition of seawall steps along the O'Shaughnessy seawall.

### A Reduction in Beach Fires

Due to safety hazards created by bonfires, including residual burning logs and nails, the large amount of trash and debris that results from irresponsible beach users, the negative effects upon wildlife, and the air pollution that is created by fires, action is needed to address fires on Ocean Beach. Encourage the GGNRA to address the fire issue and create an effective system that reduces those impacts.

### Installation of additional Restrooms and Telephones

Improvement and expansion of restroom facilities is needed at Ocean Beach. Restroom facilities could be added in visitor friendly and open areas.

Emergency telephones should be added at Ocean Beach, especially because of the active surf. Other telephone service should be expanded.

### Windblown Sand on the Promenade and Roadway

Sand on the walkways and promenade can be an obstacle and potentially a safety hazard for walkers and bicyclists. The areas that appear to accumulate sand include

the seawall from Balboa Street to Lincoln Avenue and the promenade from Noriega Street to Santiago Street.

We suggest a more regular schedule of maintenance from DPW.

#### Removal of Eroding Infrastructure

As part of the resolution of the erosion near Sloat Boulevard, we propose a cleanup that removes the remaining hazards in the area, including underwater piers and rubble on the beach that has migrated from the cliff face.

#### Public Relations Campaign

Implement an outreach program to promote the preservation and restoration of Ocean Beach.

We look forward to continuing to work on building consensus to move forward with solving these challenges at Ocean Beach. We invite you or your staff on a tour of Ocean Beach to look at some of the issues we have raised or we can present these issues to whom you see fit. We also request that you convene a special meeting of the policy subcommittee of the Task Force, which consists of department heads and heads of state and federal agencies, to address the challenges and solutions proposed herein, as well as the state of beach erosion referenced in the Task Force recommendation letter of February 2, 2001.

Thank you for your continued support of our important work.

Lara Truppelli

Chair Ocean Beach Task Force





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## SF Environment

January 02, 2002

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting January 2, 2002 Sunset Cooperative Nursery  
Chaired by Lara Truppelli  
Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

In attendance:

Bob Battalio, Chair, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Linda McKay, SF Dogwalkers  
Mark Westlund, Chair, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Lara Truppelli, Chair Ocean Beach Task Force  
Sarah Wright  
Jim Firth from Supervisor Yee's office  
Jon Gervais, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Kevin Knuuti, Physical Processes Subcommittee

Frank Filice made a report by phone, as he was unable to attend the meeting. He stated that the bluff is eroding this year, and decisions will need to be made soon about temporary rerouting of traffic. The current plan is to detour the southbound traffic around Sloat Boulevard for the remainder of this winter, if necessary, and then reopen the lanes in the summer. In order to reopen the lanes the DPW is meeting with the GGNRA to discuss possible lateral stabilization, including rip rap or cobble. If the erosion is severe enough, this lateral stabilization may occur on City property, not GGNRA property and thus would not be subject to approval by GGNRA. DPW is also meeting with GGNRA regarding a permit renewal.

Q: If sand was placed this year, would we need to even consider this lateral stabilization?

A: Sand is not an option this year, due to budget constraints.

Q: How much rock is being considered to be put in this area, and will it cost more than the sand? What about the cost of rock removal?

A: There is no design in place yet so we do not know what the possible cost is.

Task Force members commented that they were concerned about this lateral stabilization proposal, that there were no details given. There were some questions about rock removal. Frank said much of the rubble on the beach was already there, the City only placed rock on 600 feet of the 3000 foot stretch. It is not clear what the GGNRA will do with the sections of rubble, this is not necessarily in the DPW's jurisdiction. He also suggested that lateral stabilization could be consistent with what is already on the beach, e.g., small cobble style rocks, this would depend on what the GGNRA/NPS agreed to in the permit renewal process.

Q: Why would need to place rocks for lateral stabilization if we are considering

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moving the road at least into the median? Why haven't other alternatives been considered?

A: The design, approval and construction for the road relocation will likely take up to 2 years. In the time until that, we want to maintain the road traffic capacity. The discussion with GGNRA regarding the permit renewal is happening now, DPW will continue to put lateral stabilization on the table. The feedback from Supervisor Tony Hall when briefed about the possible detour of southbound lanes was "when can the lanes be reopened?". DPW and Department of Parking and Traffic had internal discussions about possible traffic detour options. There was no written report of these discussions.

Q: By not placing sand this year, the City has created an emergency situation, where rocks could be placed. The GGNRA and the Task Force have supported sand nourishment as a short term solution until a better solution is found. Why didn't the City continue this?

A: The concern was that the sand placed was not cost effective. The location is too far out on the beach. There is a commitment not to place any material on the beach this winter.

There was some discussion of the process; it is not clear how decisions were being made and where the Task Force could have input. The areas where some Task Force members felt left out are: information dissemination, input on which traffic detours/alternatives are considered, input on the scoping directives for the Army Corps of Engineers long term study, and lack of clarity on how decisions are being made in the DPW. Bob Battalio suggested four points of discussion:

- 1) what is the trigger point for road closure? What is the decision based on to place lateral stabilization?
- 2) if rocks are placed in the area, will there be any mitigation for this?
- 3) will the proposed alternatives (short term) be consistent with the Board of Supervisor's resolution prohibiting hard structures?
- 4) what is the process for permitting, technical review, and how do we measure commitment to managed retreat?

The two main technical areas that need to be addressed to determine the best short and long term solution are as follows:

- 1) an analysis of coastal processes in this area, and what would be the effect of various alternatives on these coastal processes, the littoral environment and the beach
- 2) an analysis is vehicular traffic flow. There has been a lot of discussion about this but very little data. Any alternative that affects the roadway needs be analyzed for effects on traffic flow.

This was the end of the discussion with Frank.

Lara presented the Ocean Beach vision and rendering. There was an open meeting to discuss a larger vision for this area of Ocean Beach. Bob Battalio volunteered a person who works at his firm to make a drawing of what this area could look like. The general ideas that came out of this meeting were to make the Great Highway a two lane road (using the existing northbound lanes), make the area that is now parking lot and southbound lanes an area of dunes, use part of the southbound lane (near Sloat) to create a parking lot and another up where the road turns inland. Other ideas were to have a picnic area up towards Fort Funston. This vision is not a Task Force product,

but will be presented to the Commission on the Environment.

The resolution from the Commission on the Environment was discussed. Much of it is drawn from the Task Force's recent letter to the Mayor. Additional input was taken from the DPW. The resolution will be considered at the next Commission on the Environment meeting in the Sunset District.

The 1/15 meeting of the Commission on the Environment was discussed. The meeting is in the Sunset district and the main topic is Ocean Beach. Frank will make a presentation regarding the DPW plans. Various members of the Task Force will also make presentations.

Lastly there was some discussion of the future of the Task Force. Since the Task Force is not a City agency, there are some difficulties in getting information. One proposal is to ask the Commission on the Environment to form an ad hoc committee to address implementation of the resolution. Possibly a staffperson at the Department of the Environment could coordinate discussions with all City departments and community input. We will continue to explore these ideas.

Meeting adjourned.





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## SF Environment

February 06, 2002

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

##### Agenda

February 6th, 2002 6pm Sunset Co-op Nursery School

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## SF Environment

February 05, 2002

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting February 6, 2002 Sunset Cooperative Nursery

Chaired by Lara Truppelli

Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

#### In attendance:

Wynne Bamberg, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
 Bob Battalio, Chair, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
 Marc Beezy, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
 Clay Bennett, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
 John Dingler, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
 Frank Filice, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
 Jon Gervais, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
 Don Mannel, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
 Linda McKay, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
 Tomasita Medal, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
 Mike Paquet, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
 Susan Shors, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
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 Lara Truppelli, Chair Ocean Beach Task Force  
 Sarah Wright  
 Jim Firth from Supervisor Yee's office  
 Steve Cockrell, City Dogs

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Lara Truppelli opened the meeting with introductions. Mike Paquet made a motion to approve December 2001 and January 2002 meeting minutes, Mark Westlund seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

#### Member updates:

Lara Truppelli mentioned the Mayor's budget hearing at the Sunset Democratic Club on 2/14, 7pm at the Taraval Police Station. This is an opportunity to tell the Mayor's representative about budget issues. Mike Paquet, Susan Shors and Clay Bennett offered to go and mention Ocean Beach issues.

Don Mannel of GGNRA updated the group on the fire on the beach issue and dog walking. The current fire policy is that groups of 20 or more people are supposed to get permits. The Superintendent of NPS issued a compendium stating that all fires are now required to have permits, with tougher fines also being implemented

Q: Is the permitting in place now?

A: There is a 60 day period to make announcements, so it will not be enforced during this period.

The GGNRA has issued an advance notice of rule making regarding dog walking issues. There is a 60 day comment period, which has already started. The Park will review the comments. The official policy now is that there are no off-leash dogs allowed anywhere in the Park.

Frank Filice from DPW told us what the immediate plans are for the area south of Sloat Boulevard where the sand nourishment had occurred in previous years, but was being discontinued. He said the plan was to move the southbound lanes of the Great Highway in that area into the median. This construction would occur in September of 2002. If there was a threat to the lanes before the construction is complete, then one lane would be closed, if both were threatened then the lanes would be closed and traffic rerouted around Skyline Boulevard.

Q: What is the lifetime of this detour?

A: At least 3 years, maybe longer. At least until the intermediate solution occurs.

Q: Will the traffic be disrupted during construction?

A: If both lanes are still open, the construction can be done without closing existing lanes.

Q: What is the cost of this detour?

A: About the cost of 1-1.5 years of sand nourishment.

Q: When will DPW start to think about road closure?

A: The bluffs are about 50 feet from the roadway now, when it becomes around 42 feet and the slope is less than 2:1.

GGNRA and DPW met last month to discuss renewal of the permit for maintenance of the quarystone revetment. DPW also had a geotechnical study done to study the Lake Merced transport pipe and how much cover would be required to protect against uplift, liquefaction and ground acceleration with an 8.3 earthquake in the area where sand nourishment was placed in previous years. This study does not look at the area of the revetment. The study is also going to determine the slope steepness for the Colma formation. Loose sand is most stable at a 2:1 ratio. Since the Colma formation is more compacted, it is likely Colma formation will be stable at a steeper slope ratio than sand. At the location of last year's sand nourishment, the Colma formation is exposed.

Q: When will the report be available?

A: GGNRA is reviewing it now. It will be available sometime in March.

Q: Is the PUC involved in this report?

A: They will review this report.

Frank updated us on a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers (COE). The products the COE will generate are a Reconnaissance update and a 905B fact sheet, a declaration of the problem and statement of Federal interest. The City will send a letter of intent. NPS will also send a letter of interest. The project management team has put a placeholder for funding starting in 10/02 for 2003. The COE is starting this project with \$100,000 from the City.

Q: Will Federal budget cuts affect this project?

A: The money was obtained with a congressional ad by Nancy Pelosi, as opposed to a COE sponsored project, so hopefully this will not be affected by cuts.

Q: What is the COE going to do with the feasibility study?

A: They need to update the alternatives and the cost-benefit analysis. They also need

to set up a work plan and funding for next year.

Frank told us about the Ocean Beach Hotline, the phone number is 415-242-2214. This is the PUC recreational water quality hotline, but a caller can punch #3 to report on erosion issues south of Sloat Boulevard.

Q: What about erosion issues elsewhere on the beach, for example there are some exposed rusty pipes?

A: You would have to contact GGNRA regarding these areas.

Q: Can there be another line on the hotline for general Ocean Beach issues?

A: This phone line is more for water quality issues.

The Department for the Environment is working on a press release about the potential road closures and the construction in September. GGNRA requested a copy be sent to them and Lara also. There is a draft available now to look at.

Q: In the press release, in the second paragraph it is stated that the bluff and shore erosion is reoccurring and that the sand nourishment was not effective, can this language be changes?

A: yes, this is still a draft version.

The next discussion was of the traffic issues south of Sloat Boulevard. Frank handed out the transportation section of the Zoo EIR as well as a section of the city planning handbook about how they rate traffic flow. the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) is looking at the drawing that was created with a single lane southbound and a single lane northbound.

Q: Will the proposed detour of southbound lanes into the median have an effect on traffic flow?

A: It is not anticipated that this small detour will affect traffic.

Q: What is the potential for placement of lateral support this summer?

A: There needs to be maintenance of the quarystone revetment at the top. DPW is in discussions with the NPS about this matter. It is the DPW's intention to maintain the top of the revetment, and DPW is preparing drawings for the maintenance that the NPS will review for permit renewal.

Q: There has never been any maintenance of the revetment, why it is needed now?

A: There has been significant slumping of the revetment, and rainwater at the top has also caused some erosion. There has been no maintenance of the revetment due to lack of time and money, not due to the resolution banning hard structures.

Q: Why maintain the revetment at all if the road is going to be moved?

A: In this area there is no median, so there is no easy way to move the southbound lanes inward. DPW is doing the minimum effort to maintain the road until the COE study is done. There is a potential for a large storm to erode the revetment.

This part of the road is the furthest out into the ocean, and likely will always be a problem spot. It is not possible to get along the beach in this area at high tide, the revetment is located in the active beach and changes the sand profile. while



there is no median to move the southbound lanes in, there is land on the east side that is not used now, it is possible to move both south and northbound lanes inland. Perhaps this will be studied in the long term plan.

Q: Can the existing revetment material be used to fill in the top?

A: We don't want to remove the toe material in the winter when the beach is low because it provides protection and in the summer it will be buried.

Q: When will we have information on the amount of rock etc.

A: DPW will prepare drawings for the GGNRA to review.

Q: Will the revetment maintenance have to comply with the Western Shoreline Plan?

A: The Western Shoreline Plan states that if it is on GGNRA property the City does not have jurisdiction.

Q: Are the top of the bluffs GGNRA property?

A: We have been assuming the guardrail is the beginning of City property, we will need an ownership survey soon.

The next item for discussion is the Commission on the Environment's resolution regarding Ocean Beach issues. Supervisor Yee is going to sponsor the resolution to the Board of Supervisors. Lara thanked the Department of the Environment and Supervisor Yee and his office for putting this forward.

Q: What is the process for putting the resolution before the Board of Supervisors?

A: There will be some technical changes but the body of the resolution will remain intact. Much of the language is from the Task Force letter, that would need to be looked at in view of it becoming a Board resolution. There will be a hearing at Committee and a public hearing.

Q: Which committee will it go to?

A: Supervisor Yee's new committee is public works and public protection. This would be a good fit for public works. It could also go to neighborhood services and recreation. The chair of the committee will schedule a public hearing and at that time would consider amendments. If Task Force members have concerns about the resolution, it would be best to submit them in writing to Supervisor Yee's office.

Q: If we do change the resolution, would we need to go back to the Commission on the Environment?

A: No, this would be its own document.

There followed a discussion of concerns that various members had about the resolution.

The use of fireworks is not addressed. I support heavy enforcement of a fireworks ban. The dune grass that was planted in 1988, it is not being replaced and some sections are being taken over by iceplant. What about native dune grass plantings?

The resolution seems to be one-sided, emphasizing environmental concerns over recreational uses. In the future, recreational users and stakeholders should be

included in the process of determining land use. Recreational users have been left out of the process with GGNRA. For example, dune restoration should try and integrate recreational use with restoration.

Lara brought up the letter that the Mayor will be sending to the Policy Subcommittee members requesting them to convene to discuss the erosion issue and the partnership program called for in the resolution. The Policy group should discuss process and goals for this. At the meeting there will be a report on what the Task Force has accomplished.

We briefly discussed the rendering of the south of Sloat area that the Department of the Environment commissioned to show what this area could look like. Bob can provide an electronic copy for anyone who would like one.

Q: What about the Zoo's new main entrance?

A: The drawing is generally consistent with their plan.

Lara proposed a letter of appreciation be sent to Supervisor Yee, the Commission on the Environment and the Department of the Environment for their efforts on Ocean Beach issues.

The last item is a discussion of the future of the Task Force? Last March, Lara suggested that the Task Force should consider completing its work by this March. Now we are here, we should consider the structure and how to move forward, as it exists now, a new structure or advisory type of group.

Q: Should the restructuring come from the Policy group? They could suggest what would be useful for them in their decision making.

A: Yes, but we can present some ideas to them. Lara will create a framework and welcomes any input (by email).

Goals should be set by the group. We can review our original goals and accomplishments with the report that Sarah and Lara are preparing for the Policy group meeting.

Meeting adjourned.





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## SF Environment

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## SF Environment

March 06, 2002

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

We will be having our monthly meeting this Wednesday March 6 at 6 pm at the Sunset Cooperative Nursery on Great Highway and Lawton.

Since this is the two year anniversary of the Task Force we decided last meeting to celebrate with a potluck.

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## SF Environment

March 06, 2002

### Department of the Environment

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 Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

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 Ron Dudum  
 Jim Firth from Supervisor Yee's office

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Lara Truppelli opened the meeting with introductions, and congratulations for two years of hard work on the Task Force. Mark Westlund made a motion to approve February's minutes, Marc Beezy seconded it and the motion was approved unanimously. Lara said the Task Force had received two letters, one from Mayor Brown thanking us for two years of service, and another letter from Gar Truppelli, of the Beach Chalet also thanking us for our efforts.

Ron Dudum brought up the issue of the closing of the Musee Mechanique, located downstairs in the Cliff House. The GGNRA is planning to remodel the Cliff House, and in the new building there will be no room for this museum. There was a discussion about this and if there is anything the Task Force could do. The environmental assessment, done in 1993 for the remodel, is available at the GGNRA. The public relations office at GGNRA is handling the public comments. A suggestion was that the Fleishacker pool building near the Zoo could be used. The Fleishacker pool building is owned by the City, but is in disrepair. This could be the right time to apply some community pressure to see if anything can be done with this historical building.



We then briefly discussed two letters from the Task Force to the Commission on the Environment and the Department of the Environment. These letters are thanking the Commission and the Department for passing the resolution on Ocean Beach. There were no comments on the content, Lara and Sarah will work on some rewording. Tamara Williams made a motion to approve the letters, Mike Paquet seconded, Mark Westlund recused himself from the voting, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Kevin Knuuti had a few comments on the minutes from February. He came in after minutes had been approved. The section about the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) starting the project is funded by the COE, not the City as stated in the minutes. There will be one product from this study, with two parts: a statement of Federal interest, that will recommend to COE headquarters and to Congress that a Feasibility study should be done, and second a project management plan. This should be completed by July of 2002. Kevin told us that the people involved in this project, Cindy Tejeda (in charge of the reconnaissance/feasibility study) and a coastal engineer will come to next month's meeting. Contained in the project management plan is a fairly detailed schedule of the entire project, with costs, as well as some legal documents, including a cost-sharing plan with the City.

Q: What is the timeline, scoping and process for the Feasibility study?

A: The timeline will be determined in the project management plan. The EIR/EIS will be redone, but will use some of the data from the 1996 Feasibility study. This will be the opportunity for the Task Force to have input. The matrix made by the Task Force has been given to the project manager to include in the scoping. Also recent City plans for the area (e.g., the detour planned around the sand nourishment area) should be included in this project management plan.

The Task Force could write a letter to the Mayor asking that the Task Force be included as part of the advisory group for the COE in the Feasibility phase of the project. This will be an agenda item for next month's meeting. The COE will regularly brief and interact with community groups as part of the Feasibility study process. Kevin offered to go over the COE budget cycle at the next meeting. He also mentioned that funding for certain kinds of projects can depend on the head of the COE, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. The current ASCW is a strong advocate for shoreline projects, and some letter writing to Congress people could influence the next choice for this position.

Mark Westlund made a motion to approve February's minutes with the changes, Alan Hopkins seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Q: What is the status of the State money for Ocean Beach?

A: Frank Filice from DPW stated that the intent for this money is it will be used as our local cost sharing for this project. Therefore DPW will coordinate with COE to make sure what it is spent on will get credit for the cost sharing. It is for studies, not construction. Some will be used to maintain the monitoring program. DPW also received a \$100,000 grant from State Resources Agency, which again will be spent on studies after coordination with the COE.

Frank updated us on the planned detour. DPW has met with the Department of Recreation and Parks (the landowner of the road), regarding legal issues. The GGNRA is working on a map of property boundaries. The plan is to detour 1500 feet at the sand nourishment area, 2 southbound lanes will go to one lane in the media area.

Q: Will the planned detour affect access to the South parking lot?

A: The entrance to the South parking lot will not be affected, but the exit will be.

Q: Can the old southbound lanes be used as a parking lot?

A: This may be considered, but if the lanes are OK for parking, then they are OK for traffic.

Q: What is the lifetime of this detour?

A: Until an intermediate solution is approved and implemented. The goal is to separate the intermediate and long term solutions and get cost sharing credit for intermediate solution.

Q: Why is the intermediate solution even being considered, the short term detour could last for some time?

A: It is possible that the COE process won't result in Federal funding, so DPW is looking at what can be done "land side", e.g., on the east side of the area.

The City needs to be careful about how it develops the short and intermediate solutions. If the City relocates the roadway and it is no longer in danger, this could remove the justification for the Federal project.

Q: What are the long-term consequences of the short-term detour?

A: From the City viewpoint, the cost of yearly sand placement vs. one time cost of detour. DPW is planning to construct the detour this September, but it may not be needed right away.

Q: Could the detour be extended to the revetment area?

A: DPW is only looking at the sand nourishment area.

The final geotechnical report will be out by the next meeting. It is being reviewed by GGNRA and the Coastal Commission. Briefly, the report stated that there was not specific threat to the sewer pipe in the area of the sand nourishment. There was a 30% chance of some damage to the pipe in the area of the revetment, due to an earthquake. There were no recommendations on how to protect the pipe.

Q: Why is there a difference for the two areas?

A: The pipe is closer to the ocean in revetment area and also makes a turn to go into the treatment plant.

Frank said that four proposals were received in answer to the RFP. They will be reviewed by the middle of March and interviews scheduled for April. These consultants may be on board by May.

Don Mannel handed out card for people to make comments regarding GGNRA policy on dogs. Comments will be accepted through April 12.

By mail:

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GGNRA

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In Person: April 6, 9:30am-3:30 PM Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco

The next item on the agenda is a discussion of the future structure of the Task Force. Lara has come up with two recommendations, the creation of an Ocean Beach Steering Committee and second, the creation of the Ocean Beach Advisory and Advocacy Committee.

Q: Why don't we have representation from Dept of Recreation and Parks, or the Zoo?

A: Kevin Barteaux was representing the DRP, but he is now on a six-month leave, we will try and find a replacement. We should also contact the Zoo and see if we can get someone to come, especially regarding the Fleishacker building and the roadway realignment.



The proposed structure of the Task Force is taking the subcommittees (NRRRA/PP) and calling them the Advisory and Advocacy Committee, while the Policy subcommittee is becoming the Steering Committee. The Policy subcommittee has not been active for some time. In the two years of the Task Force, we have raised agency and community awareness of the issues at Ocean Beach. The Policy subcommittee initially was coming to quarterly meetings, but since we began focusing on erosion, we have not called them to a meeting. The Task Force has been operating from bottom up, now we are suggesting that it become more top down.

Q: How can we expect senior people who aren't involved in our regular meetings to give direction, and how can we get them to meet?

A: Jared Blumenfeld, Director of the Dept of the Environment, has solicited input for creating this steering committee, and he is committed to the process. This would create a more formal process to review issues.

Other comments:

Why don't we call it a decision or approval committee, we inform them of the issues and they can decide the policy.

The Task Force and any structure it creates is not going to be able to get this policy group together.

Maybe having the policy subcommittee meet every quarter is too often, what about 2X/year. All Task Force members could attend so we can hear what is being presented to the Policy members

Once the COE begins the project, they create an executive committee, including someone from the district level, the local sponsor, some of these people are the same who are in the Policy group. This would be only for the erosion issue, it does not concern itself with any of the other Ocean Beach issues.

One of issues is cross communication. We send a letter to the Mayor, but if these issues are not on the agency agendas, nothing is going to happen. We could create a letter with the issues, then call the Policy group to meet and present it to them. The agencies are not necessarily interested in making policy decisions, it is more likely that the community will inform the agencies.

How can we "institutionalize" the Task Force? The Mayor has created this Task Force and we all been meeting for two years. It's possible a new Mayor would not want to continue the Task Force. We can make a report detailing the progress made and also state that there is Federal money involved in the erosion issue. The Mayor can present this to the Policy group.

The Task Force contains both agency representatives and community representatives. Agency representatives have limits on what they can do. Community advocates have no limit on what they can advocate for. Because of all of our different interests, we are not able to agree on some things, and those things don't get presented to the Policy group and that dilutes the effect of the Task Force.

Maybe we don't have to agree on everything, just the fact that we can't agree indicates a difficult issue, the Policy group should be aware of these. The Task Force began as a community action, but now we have created communication, community-agency communication and interagency communication, we don't want to lose this venue.

Q: When are we going to send the letter convening the Policy group?

A: Whenever we are ready. When we have an idea of the future structure of the group that will facilitate going to the next level that we can present to them. We would like to have the Policy group prioritize the issues and perhaps identify some commitments that all the agencies can get behind.

The next item for discussion is the Commission on the Environment's resolution regarding Ocean Beach. Supervisor Yee is going to put it forward as a Board of Supervisor's resolution.

The resolution could be given as the goals for the Policy group, and have them set the priorities. It is not our job to fix the problems, it is each department's job.

The grassroots components are lost in the resolution, the future structure needs to address this to preserve the different interests.

The Task Force has not taken an opinion on the resolution, even though it is derived from the Task Force letter to the Mayor.

We could write a list of our accomplishments and the areas of consensus, and have a supplementary letter with the areas that we could not reach consensus on.

The mission for the Task Force is to preserve the overall environmental well being of Ocean Beach, does the resolution reflect this?

There are some frustrations with the Task Force, how long things take, can we see any progress, how to get something done? We need to feel like our time is worth it.

There is no hurry to move the resolution forward as a Board of Supervisors resolution. Some of the language needs to be changed to reflect the different source.

We will continue this discussion next month.

Meeting adjourned.







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Proposed Purpose and Future Structure of the Ocean Beach Task Force  
Lara Truppelli and Sarah Wright May 21, 2002

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## SF Environment

June 05, 2002

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Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting June 5, 2002 Sunset Cooperative Nursery  
Chaired by Lara Truppelli  
Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

In attendance:

Bob Battalio, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Lesley Ewing, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Frank Filice, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Alan Hopkins, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Mike Paquet, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Mark Westlund, Chair, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Lara Truppelli, Chair Ocean Beach Task Force  
Sarah Wright  
Douglas Subbiondo, Neighborhood Parks Council  
Dave Ferguson, Sunset District property owner  
Joel Ventresca, Supervisorial candidate  
Ed Jew, Liaison for Supervisor Yee, Supervisorial candidate

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Lara opened the meeting with the agenda for tonight:

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Approve April minutes
- 3) Member reports/information
- 4) Task Force structure

Mark Westlund made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting, Alan Hopkins seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Lara reported an email from Cindy Tejeda at the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), the text of which is below:

"We do plan to participate regularly at the OBTF meetings, however. At this time, there is not much to report. We are drafting up a 50% Draft 905(b) paper which we will discuss with City/County of SF on June 21, 2002. Future deadlines are currently unknown - it will depend on what kind of response we get on the 21st - but I am hoping to finish up the draft in the next 1-2 months. Once we have finished the draft, we will need to do quality control review here in the District and have the report approved by our Division office. In the meantime, we will start drafting the Project Management Plan (PMP) for the Feasibility Study. We plan to incorporate into the 905 (b) paper the recommendations from the OBTF that were sent to Mayor Brown in February of last year. Let me know if you have any questions. For the next meeting, please give us at least two weeks of advance notice so that we can make



arrangements to come."

The DPW will meet with the ACE and give comments on the draft of the 905b document (statement of Federal interest). The second document, the project management plan (PMP) is a reevaluation of the 1996 ACE Feasibility study and incorporation of the additional alternatives identified by the Task Force. There is money for the 905b and PMP, additional funds will be required for the actual Feasibility study and alternatives analysis.

Q: Is the City (DPW) the lead agency on this project?

A: Yes. GGNRA/NPS is not a cosignatory on the PMP or the cost sharing plan. Since both NPS and ACE are Federal agencies, the ACE is acting as the NPS's agent.

Frank Filice (DPW) reported on the status of the sand nourishment area:

The Colma formation is exposed in this area, but is stable. There is a new erosion area south of the outfall pipe from the Treatment plant. The planned detour in this area (relocating Southbound lanes into the median) still needs to be approved by the City Planning Department, and the Department of Recreation and Parks. The design is 90-95% complete.

Q: When will construction begin?

A: Most likely after summer. We want to wait until the construction of the new entrance to the Zoo is completed.

Q: Is there any outreach/notification of the changes?

A: The NPS/GGNRA may need to do some outreach. There is a website called neighbor.net run by the owner of the Ocean Park Motel where this information could be posted. Another possibility is to put information on the Department of the Environment's website, where Task Force minutes etc. are posted already. Surfrider may also be able to put something on their website. Frank will email information appropriate for the public and the Task Force can circulate this.

Q: Will there be no south parking lot when the detour is active?

A: This is up to the NPS, as they are the owner of the parking lots. Once the detour is in place the previous traffic lanes may be able to be used for parking, but DPW does not want to make that part of the detour plan.

Q: Was there any outreach to the Zoo regarding use of their parking for public use?

A: The Zoo expansion plans were already well under way and it was not likely that they would be willing to revisit their plans.

Other comments from Task Force members:

Q: On the beach there was some sand and iceplant that was dumped there, is it possible to get clean sand only, since iceplant is an invasive non-native plant?

A: This sand might have been from the road, or from parcel 4, which is being restored.

Q: The Treadwell and Rolo report regarding the threat to the Lake Merced transport pipe in the area of the sand nourishment seemed well done, will this issue be further developed and analyzed for the rest of the pipe near the beach?

A: Yes, as part of the ACE study most likely.

The Governor's office has released a report on coastal issues, shoreline erosion, sediment supply etc. It mostly focuses on Southern California, but is a good overview. It is available on the California Coastal Commission website ([www.coastal.ca.gov](http://www.coastal.ca.gov), also the Department of Boating and Waterways [www.dbw.ca.gov/beachreport.htm](http://www.dbw.ca.gov/beachreport.htm)). The State seems to be more interested in coastline issues, and is spending more money on it. The State is doing a master plan for coastline sediment issues that will include a

statewide GIS (geographic information systems) program. There is going to be a World Oceans conference in Santa Barbara in October.

#### Task Force Structure

Lara presented a proposed structure (the text of which is below) for the Task Force.

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Q: Why a Task Force, and not an advisory committee?

A: There is no reason to change our sponsorship right now. We may want to revisit this later, however. The Task Force, as it was created, has a somewhat loose structure, due to the unprecedented nature of the group. We needed to have flexibility because our membership is diverse. While we may want to change the structure in the future, there is still a lot of interest in continuing the Task Force as it is now. We also can not be an official advisory board because the representatives from the various agencies can't necessarily reach a consensus. The real work of the Task Force is in the information and opinion sharing that goes on. The current structure allows for neutrality and serves as a resource for everyone.

Q: What if the new mayor is not interested in continuing the Task Force? The Task Force has gotten several products out, but what kind of impact have they had? Is the Task Force really being heard, and how does the new structure resolve this issue? There seems to be a lack of clarity of the role of the Task Force, and a concern about the effectiveness of the Task Force in communicating important issues or concerns regarding the Beach (e.g., the airport runway expansion borrow site).

A: It is likely that the new mayor would want to continue sponsoring the Task Force. We provide valuable insight to the difficult issues at Ocean Beach. We can also revisit



this issue later and identify other venues for our work. We still need to focus on issues we have not discussed, and changing the structure would divert attention from these areas.

We now began discussing the proposed purpose/structure statement. The original Task Force purpose statement (from April 2000 minutes) is below:

"The purpose of the Ocean Beach Task Force is to bring together the various agencies, groups and individuals that care about Ocean Beach to address Ocean Beach issues, provide recommendations to key decisions makers and preserve the overall environmental health and well being of Ocean Beach. The responsibilities of the Task Force will include identifying, researching and making recommendations to Mayor Brown and his staff on issues affecting Ocean Beach."

The new purpose statement is not that different, but refines the process, e.g., says provide input to the Policy Subcommittee. The general structure of the Task Force as proposed is as follows:

- 1) decide which issues to discuss, and define them
- 2) identify solution ideas
- 3) have public comment on specific issues
- 4) prepare summary and recommendations

This will be a way to effectively move through issues. We also need to include regular erosion updates/discussion. It should be clear that the issues discussed are generated from the Task Force and not from any agency.

The part about public input was discussed:

It should be clear that the public input is to the Task Force, and not to agency representatives. Comments made in this forum do not necessarily go to agencies. This should be an opportunity for people to comment on the issues, but they may have expectations that the Task Force can translate these into policy. It needs to be clear that the comments are only to be used for preparing a summary or a recommendation and that the Task Force does not decide policy issues. By asking for public input, we may be creating the perception that we are a decision making/policy making body. This may be inappropriate. The public is being invited to comment on specific issues, this won't be a general forum for public comment. The Task Force meetings have always been open to the public and this is just making a formal place on the agenda for public comment.

We then discussed that "research" is missing from the new purpose statement. If we are going to have targeted discussions we will need to have some kind of background statement so everyone will understand the issues. The advantage of the Task Force is that we have individuals with areas of expertise. The original purpose statement included research not only to identify issues but also offering research as a service. How comprehensive can the research be? We may recommend that more research is needed. We need enough research to frame the problem, that way it is a more balanced representation of the issues, instead of just relying on who happens to show up for the meeting. The purpose of the Task Force discussions and public input is to capture the range of opinions, and then the Task Force can discuss, and make our own recommendations while acknowledging other opinions. We could also recommend that the issue needs to be revisited.

#### Erosion issue

There is a sense that erosion is being left out of the new structure, and that the erosion subcommittee should still be meeting. The Task Force was formed to help the City deal with a complicated and multifaceted problem of erosion, and there needs to be a continuation of this process. We have had extensive discussions, submitted a

letter to the Mayor that has been incorporated into the ACE process, but some members of the Task Force would like to have a continuing active role in the process, since we have established a forum for communication between many of the stakeholders.

While no one has asked the Task Force to take a broader role in reviewing plans or decisions, the ACE has a formal process for public input that the Task Force could be a stakeholder in. This is for the long term issues, what about the short term and intermediate issues that the City is dealing with? The Task Force should have some kind of role in advising and critiquing the plans as they go forward, perhaps to broaden understanding of the issues. Frank will report at the August meeting what kind of opportunities there are for the Task Force to be involved in this process and if we can decide if we think these are adequate. Bob and Frank will get together between meetings to discuss the structure of the ACE and the City process. At that time we can discuss how to formalize the Task Force role in the ongoing issue of erosion.

Final comments on the proposed purpose and structure:

- 1) add identify and research existing and future issues to the purpose statement
- 2) remove the "opportunity of public input" and leave this as a more informal process
- 3) application for reappointment (if members have attended 3 recent meetings is OK, otherwise need to submit a resume). Mark Westlund will check with City Attorney regarding original process.
- 3) the schedule for meetings will be August, October and December, February, April and June
- 4) Policy committee will meet 2X/year, beginning in July
- 5) topic scheduling
  - For August
    - a) review letter Bob wrote regarding the Airport expansion plans
    - b) discuss potential role of Task Force in ACE process
    - c) discuss litter/recycling issues at Beach. Appropriate staff from agencies will be invited to make short presentations regarding issues
  - For October
    - a) environmental issues (wildlife preservation)
- 6) what is the process to introduce new issues? Should we focus on small issues or go for larger areas? One meeting may not be enough to deal with the larger issues. At the first meeting, look at the longer list and decide how to deal with it.
- 7) we will try to get agenda out prior to meeting, so people can be prepared for the discussion.

Meeting adjourned.







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July 23, 2002 Special

### Department of the Environment

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Agenda for Ocean Beach Task Force Policy Subcommittee  
Tuesday, July 23, 2 p.m.  
Dept of the Environment, 11 Grove Street

1. Summary Report of OBTF activities and accomplishments March 1999 to July 2002
2. Erosion Update
3. Review Commission on the Environment Ocean Beach Resolution 001-02-COE
4. Assign responsibilities for areas to be addressed as outlined in resolution.
  - 4a. Select parties to draft MOU outlining above, to be distributed via email for approval
5. Next Steps for future of Ocean Beach Task Force
6. Adjourn

Attached, Commission on the Environment resolution regarding Ocean Beach




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## SF Environment

July 23, 2002 Special

### Department of the Environment

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Ocean Beach Partnership

July 23, 2002, 2:00 PM

SF's Department of the Environment, EcoCenter Meeting Room

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#### 1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM

Attendant

Affiliation

Jared Blumenfeld

Department of the Environment (SFE)

Frank Filice

Department of Public Works (DPW)

John Gervais

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

Elizabeth Goldstein

Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP)

Chris Kern

California Coastal Commission (CCC)

Ed Lee

Department of Public Works

Don Mannel

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Brian O'Neill

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Barry Pearl for M. Carlin

SF Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

Lara Truppelli

Ocean Beach Task Force (OBTF)

Mark Westlund

Department of the Environment

Mr. Blumenfeld stated the long-term goal of this Partnership to evolve from the state of neglect at Ocean Beach (OB). He said the members present at the meeting represent the Policy Subcommittee of the Ocean Beach Task Force. He said the Partnership should offer policy inputs/outputs into process and move the Ocean Beach issue to the next level. He stressed the ability to use OB as the great resource and afford it the attention needed. He concluded by polling the members about future steps and that direction comes from the Ocean Beach Task Force and a resolution passed by the Commission on the Environment on January 15, 2002.

#### 2. Ocean Beach Task Force Executive Summary, Lara Truppelli

Ms. Truppelli spoke in appreciation of the members for their commitment to OB. She provided the background regarding the creation of OBTF and read its mission statement. She described the need to preserve a sandy beach and take into account the National Park Service policies. She said OBTF presented alternatives submitted to the Mayor.

She said the Army Corps of Engineers has been instructed to do a feasibility analysis at OB. Natural Resources, Recreation & Access balances needs of recreational uses at beach and preservation of beach. In June, the Task Force's purpose and structure were reevaluated and after two years, they still recognize the validity of their work. OBTF recently revised its purpose statement. OBTF remains committed to the beach and guidance and leadership is invaluable and part of the partnership to ensure a healthy future for OB.



### 3. Report on Status of South of Sloat Boulevard, Frank Filice

Mr. Filice distributed sketches illustrating the short-term goal of assuring and maintaining traffic flow in the area. He said there were concerns about geotechnical issues e.g. location of outfall vs. land configurations. OBTF worked with various departments to focus on southbound lanes and move them out of potential harm. He said detours are about 1400 feet long and have received approvals from City Planning and permit processes are fairly easy.

- Ms. Goldstein asked how long will the project be built for. Mr. Filice replied between 5-10 years and that the projects depend on the potential for erosion.

- Ms. Goldstein asked about the long-term plans. Mr. Filice said he is working with the Corps of Engineers and it is about 36 months until completion. This plan includes a feasibility study, environmental review, selection of long-term project and cooperating with city funding to have it built. He said the City has placed money for the road bond issue. An Executive Committee will be created for this process to direct the project and generate the reviews.

- Mr. Blumenfeld asked when the committee would convene. Mr. Filice replied in Spring 2003. Mr. Filice added that executive reviews would be completed by October with the beginning of the federal fiscal year.

- Mr. Blumenfeld asked if the Corps' scope has been set. Mr. Filice replied the scope would be part of the next phase and that data is collected to determine federal interest.

- Ms. Goldstein asked where \$1.1 million comes from. Mr. Filice replied Boating & Waterway and Dept of Resources. He said the General Fund gave \$150,000 and \$100,000 from California Resources Agency.

- Ms. Goldstein asked what is the state's time frame. Mr. Filice replied June 2003 and grant ends in 2004. He mentioned different ways of meeting the timeframe and added that the state doesn't really want to take back the money.

### 4. Ocean Beach Vision Roundtable

- Mr. Blumenfeld wanted a holistic approach to management adopted by agencies, as much clean up as possible and restoration of OB to natural areas, as the long-term vision of OB.

- John Gervais stressed maintaining OB's openness, addressing garbage and fires, making general infrastructure cleaner, providing more bathrooms, and having a cleaner OB.

- Mr. Kern said to look at the local Coastal Plan and goals for OB, maintain and enhance where possible, opportunities for public access at OB, preserve and protect habitat concurrently, and address challenges identified from OBTF, e.g. trash and restrooms.

- Mr. Lee stressed accessibility for all and education for users so that it would be easier to coordinate different responsibilities.

- Mr. Filice said the public doesn't pay attention to OB. He referred to OB as a relatively untouched natural area and spoke in appreciation of its value. He stressed maintaining minimalist views and asked how to expand the urban environment and natural area concept.

- Mr. Mannell said he wanted future generations to use and enjoy OB, to preserve O'Shaughnessy seawall and address litter.

- Mr. O'Neill wanted to focus on the corridor and not necessarily OB alone. He suggested demonstrating how public stewards are able to work together for a common vision. He wanted to develop a new stewardship model that includes gaining community ownership. He also wanted to maintain the quality of recreation at OB.

- Ms. Truppelli suggested focusing on the concept of 'transcending'. She stressed a unified voice for all stakeholders as an effective means of addressing needs versus the individual/small users of OB.

- Ms. Goldstein said she agrees with the corridor emphasis, including Lake Merced & GG Park and their connection with OB.

- Mr. Pearl referred to PUC's financial allocation including infrastructure and lift

stations. He wanted to determine solutions that protect the facilities and serve the Westside of the City. He also stressed developing the connection between San Francisco and OB and to increase its publicity.

- Mr. Blumenfeld concluded by highlighting the possibility of transformation and involving all stakeholders vs. distinct individual goals.

#### 5a. Ocean Beach Partnerships Program

##### (1a) Identify Long Term Alternative for addressing Erosion South of Sloat

Assign lead agency to be accountable for producing a particular result. Create an OB partnership/team/program. Mr. Blumenfeld suggested creating a formal entity that includes decision-makers from different agencies and has ownership. For example, the entity could focus on scoping the Corps report. He said to examine each solution individually to determine how it affects other issues vs. analyzing with a narrow perspective. He also wanted a long-term vision statement and cooperation with OBTF. SFE will be accountable for the vision.

##### 5(1b) Public Relations outreach program promoting stewardship, preservation and restoration of OB.

Have a GGNRA logo for OB. Mr. O'Neill requested a key communication/contact person with each entity to develop a subgroup.

CIO from: Zoo (Nancy ), DPR CIO (need name), Alex Mamak (DPW), Chris Perry (CCC), Mark W. (SFE) , Lara T (OBTF)

##### 5(2a). Eroded Infrastructure:

The question was raised on who cleans up when and how?

- Mr. Filice described outfall boxes at Lincoln and Vicente as part of PUC's responsibility. Mr. Pearl said PUC will repair them. He said the outfall boxes are under Repair & Rehabilitation and is done under current revenues.

- Mr. Filice said the National Park Service is responsible for parking lots south of Sloat, including asphalt removal, saw cutting of lots in advance of erosion, but rubble in bluff material has not been touched. Mr. Mannel added there are two days of clean up /year south of Sloat to get rubble and debris. He said they also saw cut existing parking lots and pull it back to leave a sand revetment to prevent more debris on the beach. He explained a financial burden to perform this.

- Mr. Blumenfeld asked about public perception regarding Mr. Mannel's description. Ms. Truppelli replied that the public thinks the parking lot has fallen into the beach even though actions are intentional. She stressed the need to identify long-term goals.

- Mr. Gervais wanted interpretive signage describing why parking lot is falling into the ocean.

- Mr. Filice suggested developing a hotline number to address concerns.

- Mr. O'Neill spoke in agreement about interpretive signage.

- Ms. Truppelli suggested signage that would include a phone number to locate hazards.

- Mr. Pearl thought the Zoo might be interested in cooperating with signage plans.

#### Repair& Maintain O'Shaughnessey Seawall & Stairs

- Mr. O'Neill said funds are available to repair the seawall but won't be available for several years. Mr. Blumenfeld requested a copy to consider as part of long-term alternatives.

- Mr. Mannel said a long-term solution is to build a new wall or repair the existing one. He said a short-term solution is interim repairs at the stairwall because it is considered a historic site.

- Ms. Truppelli described the group energy that the seawall inspires to include community involvement. Mr. Mannel suggested that before any action is taken, the agreement needs to consider the compliance issues. Mr. O'Neill asked to identify elements of work that would be feasible to include volunteer work and if the seawall



project could fall into this concept.

#### Volunteer Work

- Mr. Mannel and Ms. Truppelli will work together regarding projects from Tim (@ NPS). The outreach subcommittee is responsible for this task.
- Mr. O'Neill suggested defining projects and including different agencies to build community ownerships.
- Ms. Goldstein mentioned the restroom facilities located at Taraval and Judah. She said her department has trouble justifying extending the hours of operation. She considered concession opportunities located in between restrooms to enable them to function effectively.
- Ms. Truppelli wanted to increase the number of restroom facilities.
- Mr. Mannel suggested having portable restrooms at parking lots and said there are no facilities on OB. He stressed the safety and sanitary issues.

#### 5a(2b) Needed Infrastructure

- Mr. Blumenfeld wanted to include the corridor issue for long-term planning as an alternative for addressing (part 5.1a). GGNRA can work with DRP.
- Mr. Lee said his department is working on increasing the number of trash receptacles; and an additionally two or three may be placed during seasonal areas.
- Ms. Goldstein said the Department of Recreation and Park's maintenance staff wants to work with GGNRA regarding blowing debris. Mr. O'Neill replied that DRP, GGNRA and DPW should have working group that asks where receptacles should be placed and how can it be maintained effectively?
- Mr. Blumenfeld suggested creating a subcommittee on 'Talking Trash' that includes dog & litter bag dispensers, recycling and littering signage.
- Mr. Mannel suggested obtaining prison labor to assist with OB tasks.
- Mr. Filice asked about disabled parking and who manages it. Department of Parking and Traffic manages it and DPW will be responsible for signage.
- Installation of Emergency Telephones: Mr. Mannel and Mr. Filice will work together on this issue.

#### 5a(2c). Bonfires at Ocean Beach

- Mr. O'Neill said GGNRA will prohibit bonfires without a permit. A permit system will be in place to regulate activities, they just need to work on education. Mr. Gervais said the Partnership can work on education. Ms. Truppelli wanted OBTF included in the group to address bonfires. The permit is easily obtained from the Office of Special Park Uses.
- Mr. Blumenfeld wanted to include the OBTF as a member on the OB Partnership Letterhead.
- Mr. Pearl suggested contacting the Chamber of Commerce to get involved

#### 5a(2d). Improve Wildlife Protection

This section will be included in 5a(1a). Identify the Long Term Alternative for addressing Erosion South of Sloat Blvd. GGNRA will initiate the process.

#### 6. Select Parties to draft MOU outlining Action Items

- Mr. Blumenfeld said the eroded infrastructure and relationship between GGNRA and DPW would need an MOU. Mr. O'Neill said there should be an MOU on maintaining the seawall and recycling and litter.
- Mr. Mannel said sand removal at entrances (cooperation between GGNRA and DPW) is a potential MOU.

#### 7. Next Steps

- The question was raised on how OBTF wants to relate with the OB Partnership and how the Partnership can help.
- Mr. Filice said the direction of the Task Force is to identify and investigate issues to present to the Partnership for evaluation.

8. Adjourned 3:45 PM







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The August meeting is at 6pm Aug 7th at the Sunset Coop nursery school (corner of Great Highway and Lawton).

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## SF Environment

August 07, 2002

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting August 7, 2002 Sunset Cooperative Nursery

Chaired by Lara Truppelli

Minutes taken by Lara

##### In attendance:

Bob Battalio, Chair, Physical Processes Subcommittee

Lara Truppelli, Chair Ocean Beach Task Force

John Dinger, Physical Processes Subcommittee

Michael Paquet, Physical Processes Subcommittee

Alan Hopkins, Natural Resources/Rec Access

Frank Filice, Physical Processes Subcommittee

Lesley Ewing, Physical Processes Subcommittee

Susan Shors

Dave Ferguson

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Discussion of the Policy Subcommittee meeting held in July. Lara has written an executive summary for the Task Force, and minutes will also be circulated. Sarah compiled the minutes and supplemental documents for the Task Force meetings.

Follow-up with PUC on whether the outfall boxes will be repaired on exterior as well as interior. Q: What is scope of planned work. A: Replacement of gates and bars only.

A comment regarding "unsavory activity" on the Beach. The public needs to speak up about public sex on beach and what to do about it. Is community policing appropriate for this issue and will the new Police Chief support this? This might be an area for the Task Force to address.

Lesley Ewing made a report on trash and recycling. She mentioned the Coastal Cleanup on Saturday September 21. She showed photos of trashcans on coast. Frank mentioned neighborhood cleanups, he will email information to Susan Shors, who will copy to Sarah Wright for distribution. Lesley likes the Windsor trash barrel cluster because they are made of plastic and keep recycling separate. Frank said the main concern is refuse pickup, recycling is secondary. Some separation of recyclables is done at the main refuse yard. Department of Park and Recreation, Sunset Scavenger and Federal agencies all have separate efforts for trash pickups. The goal is to coordinate the various agencies/entities to work together and share information and resources. To do this they need to work out contractual responsibilities and then go from there. The sizes of refuse barrels need to be smaller to protect workers; therefore more frequent pickups may be necessary.

Handicapped access signage is being addressed by the GGNRA. They are also dealing



with emergency phones on the beach. There is a division between phones on the beach, under GGNRA, and phones on the walkway, under the Department of Public Works.

There is now a permitting system in place for bonfires on the beach, although this has not been launched yet. The public relations for this will be safety issues (e.g., embers, broken glass, nails etc on beach) as well as the fact that fires can damage the equipment used to clean the beach. The Task Force will get an update at the next meeting on the status of the permitting.

Bird feeding on the beach is a problem because the ravens disturb the endangered snowy plovers. The increase in ravens has affected nesting hawks as well. It would be good to have public communication and information regarding this issue. With this issue and the others it is important to codify the cooperation and responsibility of each agency on each issue.

The new policy statement set forth last meeting needs revision. Future agendas will not need to go through entire list, and follow up on issues is a way to move forward now that the issues have been presented to the Policy Subcommittee. This way the Task Force meetings can be more fluid and without a predetermined strategy.

Bob Battalio made a report regarding the erosion study by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE). The role of the Task Force with the City and ACE process could be an independent review with Task Force related to the Task Force but not necessarily. It is not unusual that there be an independent technical review with regards to quality review. This is a common practice. There are a number of people on the Task Force who would have the appropriate technical knowledge and interest to serve on this kind of independent review panel. This is the approach that Bob is advocating for, but he does not have a formal structure at this point. He handed out an email regarding this dated 080502. The ACE staff develops a plan based on a plan that discusses quality control. The ACE codifies the broad framework. Frank Filice said that the executive committee will involve members at this policy meeting. Perhaps the Task Force and identify 3 members to serve on the executive committee. Bob discussed the ACE process to get on the independent review panel.

There was discussion regarding public input into the ACE process. It is too early to tell what this could be. Maybe we can review documents or make recommendations about who should conduct reviews. The independent review of the ACE studies is very important and the Task Force should be represented throughout the process. Maybe the executive committee can determine what the independent review voice might look like, perhaps by selecting names of those who could conduct an independent review.

Mike Paquet made an announcement regarding NOAA "final evaluation findings (findings?) for California Coastal Management Program (CaCMP). Mike would like this back at next meeting, Sarah will make a copy. Surfrider is conducting beach profiles to identify seasonal variations in sand volume and heights and how sand is lost and regained in the foreshore and how close the water is getting to the dunes.

Back to ACE process discussion

Q: Is the technical review panel different from the executive committee and policy subcommittee?

A: The Task Force should weigh in on the need for technical review process and the scope of the project.

Q: Is this a volunteer or compensated position?

A: It should be a compensated position with the scope clearly identified.

There was a comment that this process sounds similar to amicus briefs to the Supreme

Court process and conflict of interest.

Another comment was about the success and lack of success with various panels. The process with the ACE and the Bolinas Lagoon project may be useful to see how that worked. We should talk to Cindy at the ACE about this, maybe the Task Force can help to select the advisory committee. Ron Miska, County of Marin is a resource for the Bolinas lagoon to see if members of the Technical Advisory Committee could talk to us about their process. There was support for a "second opinion" on the ACE process/project, as well as concern as to whether an advisory committee could be disregarded, and who has authority for the final decision.

Q: Who would finance these advisory or technical review panels?

A: This could qualify as "in kind" services or the ACE would pay?

The Task Force should have a role in this process, a key issue is to identify what the "problem" is, and how to prioritize by agency what the different issues are. This should be communicated to the executive committee as soon as possible.

For the next meeting, we will discuss the ACE process, have an update on Bob's letter regarding the airport expansion plans. Lara will meet with Jared prior to next meeting to discuss August minutes, the executive committee and the Task Force process.

John Dingler will be retiring from the Task Force as of October 2.

Meeting adjourned.





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## SF Environment

October 02, 2002

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#### Ocean Beach Task Force

We will be having a meeting on Wednesday October 2, at 6pm at the Sunset Cooperative Nursery (Great Highway and Lawton).

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## SF Environment

October 02, 2002

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Agenda for October 2, 2002 Ocean Beach Task Force meeting

1. Introductions/approve August minutes
2. Discuss Task Force role in review process of ACE (executive committee, technical review panel, independent review process)
3. OBTF and Ocean Beach Partnership
4. Surfrider report on 10/19 Clean Water Paddle and Ocean Beach Celebration
5. Other issues/member reports
6. Adjourn

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## SF Environment

October 02, 2002

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting October 2, 2002 Sunset Cooperative Nursery  
Chaired by Lara Truppelli  
Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

In attendance:

Frank Filice, Physical Processes Subcommittee  
Jon Gervais, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee  
Lara Truppelli, Chair Ocean Beach Task Force  
Sarah Wright, Dept of the Environment  
Cindy Tejeda, US Army Corps of Engineers  
Linda Romanoski, US Army Corps of Engineers  
Jared Blumenfeld, Department of the Environment  
Peter Mull, US Army Corps of Engineers  
John Dinger, USGS  
Mark Alfaro, Surfrider  
Mike Paquet, Surfrider  
Susan Marquez, Surfrider

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Lara opened the meeting with the agenda for tonight:

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Approve August minutes
- 3) Discuss role of OBTF in the USACE review process
- 4) Discuss OBTF/Ocean Beach Partnership
- 5) Surfrider report/Clean Water Paddle
- 6) Member reports

Jared Blumenfeld made a motion to approve the August minutes, Jon Gervais seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

#### Discussion of the USACE process

A preliminary draft of the Project Management Plan (PMP) has been written by the ACE, and is now undergoing internal technical review. The PMP contains an outline of the plan for the next phase, the feasibility analysis. The PMP also establishes the cost-sharing agreement with the local sponsor, which is the SF Dept of Public Works (DPW). There will be a meeting next week of the Ocean Beach Partnership Committee (formerly known as the Policy Subcommittee of the Task Force) to discuss the PMP. The PMP has not been reviewed yet internally by the DPW. The next draft will be out at end of month, and the final version will likely be finished in a couple of months. The other document prepared by the ACE is the Section 905(b) Water Resources Development Act Analysis. This 905(b) report establishes a Federal interest in the



project, states the purpose/need and possible alternatives. The concerns of the Task Force, and the recommendations made to the Mayor are included in this report, and the alternatives suggested by the Task Force have been incorporated into the list of project alternatives. The report establishes the study authority, e.g., where the Federal government has authority to join with the City and County to do this project. The authority is for the prevention of infrastructure damage and shoreline protection. The ACE will not do the project if there are no public benefits.

Q: It seems that while the stated purpose of the study is shoreline protection, it's not really the beach that is being protected, it is the infrastructure that is being protected. The shoreline behind the structure may be protected, but the beach is not.

A: The project will have planning consideration and analysis to determine the Federal interest and environmental acceptance. The study will be consistent with the ACE's national objectives of 1) economic development and 2) ecosystem restoration.

Q: What are the possibilities for Task Force involvement in the ACE process?

A: Frank Filice, representing the local sponsor (DPW) answered this question and with the ACE staff reviewed the ACE process for this project.

1) The Ocean Beach Partnership will be reviewing the PMP and 905(b) documents plans; this group has representatives from various City agencies (DPW, Dept Rec and Park, Dept of Environment), other State or Federal agencies (Public Utilities Commission, GGNRA, California Coastal Commission) as well as some public membership. This will ensure that these interests are being considered in the process.

2) During the ACE process, an executive committee is formed for the project that consists of the Colonel from the ACE, ACE planning/engineering staff, representatives from local sponsor (DPW) and the financing agency (Dept of Boating and Waterways). This group deals with local issues regarding policy, budget and scope of project.

3) The ACE has an independent technical review panel (ITRP) that reviews the PMP. This panel however, needs to be independent and consists of ACE staff that are NOT associated with the study, therefore people from the Task Force would not be allowed on this panel based on ACE policy. The ITRP makes sure that laws are adhered to, designs and plans are consistent with environmental laws, and coordinates with other resource agencies. This panels functions as a quality assurance/quality control function for the ACE. Any findings of this panel are binding, and must be addressed by the project team.

4) The local sponsor can form a "working group" to gather public input and feedback for the project. This type of group functions more in an advisory role and the findings are not binding on the project. This may be the best way for the Task Force, which has been involved in this project for some time already would be most effective. It is the responsibility of the local sponsor to get more broad technical input, e.g., coastal engineering, biology, ecology if desired. The study is initially focusing on the alternatives and what studies are needed.

Bob Battalio discussed some points regarding the ACE process:

Q: What is the quality control for plan development?

A: The ITRP is responsible for QC/QA of the PMP

Q: What is the Task Force role?

A: The Task Force is represented in part by the Ocean Beach Partnership

Q: Is the City doing parallel studies from what will be done by the ACE?

A: The City has selected a consultant to do various studies. All these studies are subject to the same technical review as the ACE studies. The ACE will work with the City to scope the projects. This is part of the 50/50 costshare for "in-kind" services.

Q: Will the ACE use past reports for this study, and what if these previous studies have been unreviewed, for example the monitoring reports by CH2MHill?

A: There is an opportunity to identify specific issues with various reports, by sending a letter. However, if any conclusions are based on previous reports the ACE will go back

and reconfirm those results.

Q: When is the time for public input into this process?

A: Not yet, we need approval from the ACE Headquarters about the cost sharing agreement, which will occur in first or second quarter of 2003. There will be a scoping meeting that will gather together information about the most viable alternatives.

#### Discussion of the Ocean Beach Task Force/Ocean Beach Partnership

Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment (DENV), gave a perspective regarding the view of the DENV in this process. DENV would like to have a holistic view of Ocean Beach. The Ocean Beach Partnership is derived from the Task Force's Policy Subcommittee, and the goal is to develop a unified vision for all the agencies represented there and to move the issues of Ocean Beach forward. This is therefore not a technical review panel, but more of a place to determine priorities and work with the appropriate agencies to get things done. The main goals of the Partnership are:

- 1) to have all agencies aware and working together to solve the issues at Ocean Beach. This includes the California Coastal Commission, DPW, DENV, GGNRA, Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Public Utilities Commission and the OBTF.
- 2) To develop a long-term plan for the erosion.
- 3) Develop relationships between the agencies in order that services etc can be coordinated.

The next step is to develop a timeline so everybody can be held accountable. Some specific issues that were discussed are 1) cleaning up eroded materials south of Sloat, DPW and GGNRA are to discuss who and how, 2) repair/improve the outfall boxes, for safety and aesthetic reasons, this is under the PUC and GGNRA and 3) repair the O'Shaughnessy seawall, including trash, stairs etc. We need to keep the momentum going to move things forward.

There was then a general discussion of the Task Force's role in the Ocean Beach Partnership. It is difficult exactly to define the role of Task Force, as it is a unique body. For example in the ACE process the Task Force can review and make recommendations as a Task Force if there is consensus, or individuals can independently make comments. The Task Force may not always be the appropriate vehicle for advocacy, due, for example, to the members who are also representing agencies. Another suggestion for the Task Force role is to prioritize issues for the OBP.

Lara thanked Jared for his leadership and personal and departmental commitment to the Task Force.

#### Member reports:

1) Surfrider Foundation is conducting a Clean Water Awareness Paddle on 10/19 to celebrate the 30th year of the Clean Water Act. It will be at Ocean Beach, across from the Beach Chalet. They would like someone from Task Force to be there and perhaps say a few words. There will also be a ceremonial cleanup and luau. Surfrider would like to get more money for cleanup, and wanted to know who had jurisdiction over which parts of beach. There is a meeting planned for DPR, DPW and GGNRA to discuss trash/recycling issues soon.

2) Lara reported on the Coastal Cleanup Day. Many of the families who attend the Sunset Cooperative came to clean up the beach. Lara and Jared were interviewed by KGO. Surfrider also was interviewed by NBC.

3) Bob Battalio reported that the letter regarding the use of the SF Bar for fill for the airport expansion is still outstanding. It had been decided that this was not from the Task Force, but was sent on behalf of any interested individuals. The issue is that this proposed mining of the Bar will likely negatively impact Ocean Beach.

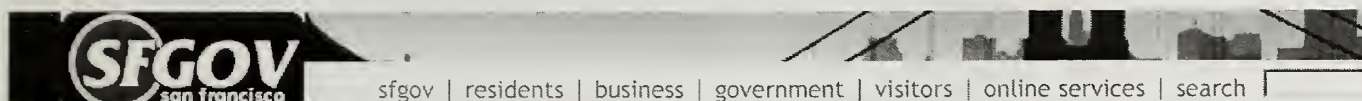
4) Mike Paquet said the latest California Beach Restoration Study was out and that Surfrider had comments on it. There is also a State Bill AB2943 that would create a new coalition to save the beaches. Some of the groups involved are CalCoast, Cal Beach, NRDC, Surfrider and others. Mike also mentioned a potential grant from Ben Harwood of Bella Vista, a non profit organization. The grant would have to be about water quality. Is this something that the Task Force/Surfrider would be interested in?

There was a beach user study done by Arleen Navarette. The beach is mostly populated during good weather. This study was relating to water quality issues after storms, and whether people would be at risk. The conclusion was since most people don't go to the beach in bad weather there was not usually a lot of contact.

The next meeting will be December 4. Staff from the ACE said they attend any meeting when there are relevant issues for them, but may not attend all meetings.

Meeting adjourned.





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## SF Environment

October 09, 2002

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Ocean Beach Task Force  
Technical committee

There will be a meeting of the technical committee to review Army Corps process  
October 9, 2 p.m. at the Dept of Environment Offices, 11 Grove Street in San  
Francisco

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#### DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance: J. Aikin, P. Mull, R. Pitten, J. Gervais, R. Beavers, M., Westlund, L. Ewing, L. Truppeui, B. Pearl, E. Lee, F. Felice, C. Kern, and J. Blumenfeld

Director Blumenfeld greeted the group, offering an overview of the previous meeting. The gist of that meeting was to identify a multi-disciplinary and multi-party process to address the issues at hand relating to Ocean Beach.

Recreation and Park, GGNRA

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Department of Public Works ("DPW") and Golden Gate National Recreation Area ("GGNRA") needs to be developed addressing infrastructure improvements and cleanup and removal of eroded infrastructure around Sloat Avenue and along Ocean Beach.

Ed Lee gave an update on the current maintenance and cleanup efforts of Ocean Beach. Mr. Lee indicated that current efforts are uncoordinated. "A Plan of Action on Beach Maintenance" needs to be developed identifying who is responsible for what and a balancing the restoration effort, species protection, and then upkeep.

A discussion ensued regarding the methodology for how to go about cleaning up the walkway Promenade from Pacheco Street / Noriega area. Ed Lee is willing to pull the resources to do a demonstration repair of the walkway that would give a clear idea of what it takes to fully restore and then maintain the area. There was consensus that if the community wants the area cleared, than the work should be done. There is a draft MOU and a previous effort of the same effort handled by Operations.

There was a question of purpose of trothing of the seawall. Essentially, the build-up of sand is so high that it easily blows over on the promenade. By cutting it back there will be less sand removal and easier ongoing regular maintenance.

Director Blumenfeld led a brief discussion on the spirit of the partnership and delineating each group's role in the effort. Participants then gave an overview for their buy-in to the effort. Director Blumenfeld stated that the Department of the Environment's role in the effort to clean up the Beach is at the policy level. He envisioned a partnership of those gathered at this meeting and the Ocean Beach Task Force, which would work together to set broad goals for restoring and maintaining the beach, along with the various departments responsible for doing so implementing the effort. There was consensus.

Jon Gervais suggested that a good starting point would be with the garbage collection, because it is already going. This matter will be included in MOU between DPW and GGNRA.

#### Preliminary Draft of the Project Management Plan

Mr. Filice gave a historical overview of the project including challenges, the greatest of which are an inability of participating agencies to reach consensus on project details, and funding shortages.

The funding from Boating and Waterways needs to be re-authorized this spring by the State. Items needed to secure reauthorizing are: 905(b) approved by federal government, project management plan in place, and have reached a point to be prepared to pen the fiscal cost sharing agreement. There also must be an understanding that if the state monies were to be denied that the project would be dropped.

The Boating and Waterways funding (one million dollars) can only be used for the study. The Corps of Engineers is involved because they bring financial as well as technical resources from the planning phase to the implementation phase. The steps to project completion are 1) reconnaissance, 2) feasibility study 3) pre-construction and design, and 4) construction. Between each phase there are a number of agreements that must be drafted and signed. By involving the federal government in the project economically advantageous. The timeline for the project is a number of years, and may in total take as many as four or five years.

There was a brief discussion of the Corps of Engineers' efforts to be involved in ecological sustainable projects.

Peter Mull briefly reviewed existing reports and studies pertaining to the project. The documents were developed with federal funding. The document states in broad terms federal interest, with general information on the economics and estimated cost for alternatives. As well, it includes, recommendations from the Task Force to the Mayor on alternatives, and a discussion of such in the body of the document. The document is now waiting in Washington for signature. It will be funded from the previous federal fiscal year. This type of report is the result of the reconnaissance phase, mentioned before. The only City money that has been involved to date has been staff time to review the document for accuracy.

There was discussion on the methodology for developing such a document as it relates to community buy-in and support of the document before it was forwarded to Washington.

There was a discussion on the role in the Task Force. Director Blumenfeld requested that it be more clearly articulated what it means to be on the technical task force of the Corps of Engineers. The logistics and the responsibilities of membership need to be made clear, so that participation in more cohesive and that assign staff that has the best technical knowledge, as well as all of the meeting logistics and participant expectations.

Frank Filice distributed a "draft" chart of responsibilities as they relate to the relationship to the Corps process. Please review and comment. Discussions ensued regarding the roles of each participating department and organization, both currently and historically. Director Blumenfeld requested a map that puts into context, each



department's participation.

There was discussion on the project management plan that is required by the federal government along with the Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement ("FCSA"). The document identifies by discipline tasks from each that are needed to support the evaluation of the alternatives, including local preference. It is a living document that will be updated as the project progresses, however, it is binding as part as the FCSA. The document essentially defines the relationships as they are known to date, and what the estimate data collections, estimated cost and whose responsible.

A discussion ensued on the developing a Constraints Report. All constraints that could potential halt a project need to be identified. Constraints are based on Management Plans, consultations with facility owners near the project area, relocation cost, etc. The timeline for this will be done after FCSA is completed. There was concern regarding the language in the PMP, because it seems to pre-determine some alternatives. Discussions ensued. Please forward comments to Frank Filice by Friday, November 1, 2002.

There was a discussion on PMP document elements as they pertain to federal interest in the project and the Constraints Report (i.e. recreational benefits, facility relocation and infrastructure protection, and displacement impact).

Director Blumenfeld requested clarification on who is sits on the Technical Committee and the Management Committee, roles and responsibilities, and a schedule of meetings. Additionally, Director Blumenfeld requested that the Responsibility Chart integrate the Corps' process, along with deadlines. Director Blumenfeld emphasized the importance of trust and communication.

Closing comments addressed expectation for participation with regard to how each group can begin working on

The Department of the Environment will provide assistance with public relations and promotion of the project.

Director Blumenfeld asked Mr. Pearl about the progress of the repair and improvement of the sewer outpour boxes. Barry reported that there still is no progress because there is not any money available, but he will research the status of the effort. As well, Barry will also investigate the extent of the repair, to ensure that both the interior and exterior are repaired. The last report stated that construction would complete by the second quarter of 2003.

#### Announcements:

- Jon Gervais announced that GGNRA is sorting out issues of on fires in the park by instituting a Permit System.
- Mr. Pearl will also look into updating the Recreational Use Survey along Ocean Beach.

The next meeting TBA.







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## SF Environment

December 04, 2002 Cancelled

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Dear Ocean Beach Task Force Members,  
Lara Truppelli regretfully has to cancel December's meeting and apologizes for any inconvenience. We will be meeting instead on Wednesday 1/8, and will be sending an email with an update later in the month.

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## SF Environment

January 08, 2003

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Dear Ocean Beach Task Force Members,  
We will be having a meeting next Wednesday, January 8, 6pm in Room 201 at City Hall.

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## SF Environment

January 08, 2003

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting January 8, 2003

City Hall, Room 201

Chaired by Lara Truppelli

Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

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In attendance:

Frank Filice, OBTF member, Dept of Public Works

Jon Gervais, OBTF member, Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Lara Truppelli, Chair, OBTF

Sarah Wright, OBTF member, Dept of Environment

Jared Blumenfeld, OBTF member, Dept of Environment

Peter Mull, OBTF member, US Army Corps of Engineers

Mike Paquet, OBTF member, Surfrider Foundation

Dennis Holl

Matthew Tomaszewicz

Chris Mctiernan

Robert Sostak

Rocky Beach

Lesley Ewing, OBTF member, California Coastal Commission

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Alan Hopkins, OBTF member, Audubon Society

Sean Gibson, Surfrider

Bob Battalio, OBTF member

Roberto Anima, United States Geological Society

Susan Shors, OBTF member

Wynne Bamberg, OBTF member

David Ferguson

Jesse Myers

Cathy Garza, from Supervisor Newsom's office

Shaun Webb

Benjamin Emery

Lara opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and giving a brief background of the Task Force, including its purpose, the organizations represented, and the accomplishments over the almost three years of its existence. Attendees then introduced themselves.

Jared Blumenfeld, Director of the Dept of the Environment (DOE), introduced the Ocean Beach Vision Statement, which reads as follows:

"The vision for Ocean Beach is to enhance and preserve this valuable urban\natural

resource by making recommendations for an accountable, pro-active, multi-agency, holistic and coordinated management philosophy that prioritizes Ocean Beach's environmental sustainability and health balanced with the reasonable needs of public access and enjoyment."

Jared said Ocean Beach has many interesting multi-jurisdictional issues. The role of DOE is to make sure there is an environmental overlay to the plans that are developed there. He said that Sarah Wright, working for DOE, will be helping to ensure this. He thanked Lara Truppelli for her leadership in the Task Force and the work to create this forum for agencies and the community to communicate with each other.

The Ocean Beach Partnership, which was formerly the Policy Subcommittee of the Task Force, has met two times and has begun to make a list of things to be done, which may result in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) about particular issues. Accountability and clarity are needed regarding the process, however. He suggested that the vision statement encapsulates these ideas, and can be used to further the process. One important thing is to have measurable advances that are visible to the public. The vision statement and the management plan that will be developed from it (to be discussed by Lara shortly) will be an example of how to deal with these complex multi-agency issues. He also said the Task Force maintains its relevance by changing its role to get the job done.

Lara thanked Jared for his comments, and said the essential aspect of the vision statement was the prioritization of the environmental/natural resource aspects of Ocean Beach for us to enjoy.

Q: Whose vision statement is this, the Task Force or the DOE?

A: It was developed from both, and it is a vehicle to make sure the job gets done. OBTF needs to maintain its relevance; we need to work towards agency accountability. This is the only place where Ocean Beach is looked at as one place, and we hope that this vision will lead to a holistic and coordinated management. Most of the vision statement was generated from comments from the first Ocean Beach Partnership meeting.

Chris Kern said there may be a similar type of multi-agency management manual from Santa Monica, he will try and get a copy for us to look at.

Lara reviewed the rest of tonight's agenda:

- 1) approve October minutes
- 2) update on erosion South of Sloat (Frank Filice); update on ACE project (Peter Mull)
- 3) introduce concept of Ocean Beach Management Plan

The proposed structure is in two parts. Part one consists of external components, including a history of Ocean Beach, a jurisdictional map and a comprehensive contact information grid that will document all agencies and their responsibilities. Part two will be internal, including a inter and intra-agency chain of communication and accountability, as well as short and long term goals for Ocean Beach.

- 4) overview of 2003 meetings for Task Force

All meetings will be full Task Force meetings, work done at the meetings will be circulated within 24 hours after meeting, and we will have homework to do in between meetings. The homework will be due 2 weeks before the next meeting.

January meeting: review Ocean Beach management areas and corresponding responsibilities of agencies, organizations and community; review list of issues for each management area; homework is to identify needs from other agencies or community

March meeting: review compiled lists of needs for issue areas and make any additions; prioritize issues; homework is to research and identify how your agency/community will fulfill needs.

May meeting: review need fulfillment plans; identify any gaps; address and resolve



these gaps as a group; homework is to identify both short and long term goals for Ocean Beach based on prioritized issues.

July meeting: review, amend as necessary and complete draft of Ocean Beach plan; assign each member of Task Force to test plan.

September meeting: review results of tests, and make any necessary edits, discuss plan for public relations of the plan and how it can be used and promoted by agencies/community groups; homework is to present plan to agency public relations departments to identify as many communication outlets as possible.

November meeting: review public relations avenues and strategize for release of the plan; discuss financial needs for PR and potential funds; and discuss next steps.

5) working portion of meeting

6) public comment

Lara then solicited general comments or questions on what had been presented.

Q: What is role of Task Force in new administration, is there a more permanent role possible for Task Force?

A: The Task Force the way it is currently configured is not really positioned for a more permanent role, for a couple of reasons, e.g., this might not be appropriate for members who represent various agencies. At this point a change in structure could disband current Task Force, and we would like to keep working as we are now to accomplish what we have set out to do, make a comprehensive recommendation regarding Ocean Beach.

Q: Is the manual a navigational tool?

A: That will be a significant resource, but we are also envisioning that part 2, the inter/intra agency chain of command and accountability, will be an important document that can be used and accessed and will serve to generate accountability. Right now there is not one lead agency to oversee the bureaucratic process and it appears that agencies don't care what happens out there.

As author of this manual we may want to include a history and description of the Task Force and a contact list.

One of the challenges will be to make the manual easily available to the public, for example signage at Ocean Beach. The agencies may be able to host a website, and signage could refer to that.

The process of creating the manual may help to identify issues and solve them as we go through this.

Q: How can the community fulfill needs?

A: For example, if there is a need for trash pickup on the weekend, the public can make a call to let the agencies know there is a problem.

Q: Is there a Dept of Recreation and Parks representative, what about the Zoo, also?

A: There is a DRP rep, we had some confusion about who, but the Director of Rec and Park is aware and supportive of the Task Force and we will make sure that person is informed of this meeting and future meetings. Not sure about the Zoo representative.

Q: This seems like the Task Force is shifting its audience, i.e., first it was the Mayor, then the agencies and now it is the public. Maybe we need to do more outreach to get appropriate questions/issues to deal with.

A: We are not really changing the audience. The Task Force meetings have always been public, and we can increase outreach, perhaps through the Sunset Beacon and other media. We are probably aware of most of the issues. Agencies and community groups could put out word if people have issues to come to the Task Force meetings. We could do a general press release about our activities for this year, or possibly have a Board of Supervisor's hearing.



Lara asked some new attendees how they found out about the Task Force. They said they are members of an ultimate frisbee group, with about 1000 members in area and they play regularly on Ocean Beach. Each week they clean up the beach to play and find hazardous things. They tried to find out who to contact, talked to some people in GGNRA and after about a month found out about the Task Force. It was suggested they contact the Adopt-A-Beach program at the Coastal Commission, they provide assistance and supplies for beach cleanups. However the real issue is how to keep the beach clean to begin with, not just getting assistance to clean up. Lara said it is great to hear about these efforts and that people care about the beach since the Task Force works mostly in an administrative fashion. From an agency perspective it is essential to hear from the public on what they need to help decide what are the priorities.

Q: Is this manual the only Task Force product this year?

A: The information exchange will continue to happen as well as public input at each meeting. The issue identification can be an ongoing process throughout the year, also the ACE process will continue although the technical discussion may occur in a separate meeting.

The Task Force may want to go before the Board of Supervisors with a position regarding the budget this year. There are going to be a lot of cuts, and the Task Force may want to support the various agencies by requesting that at least last year's level of support be maintained. This way the Supervisor's know what the Task Force is doing. The first opportunity for comment is when budget goes to the Finance Committee, around April. The actual budget will be available online by Department. Cathy Garza from Supervisor Newsom's office will let us know what the schedule is and we can discuss this again at the next meeting.

Approve October minutes

Correction to October minutes were the addition of three attendees, Marc Beezy, John Keating and Sean Gibson. Chris Kern made a motion to approve minutes with the corrections, Marc Beezy seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Update on erosion South of Sloat

Frank Filice, DPW, said that the detour of the Great Highway was constructed in the median near the South Parking Lot. This was the area that DPW had formerly been placing sand until this year. The bluff in this area is about 35 feet from the road. When the bluff is about 25 feet from the road the detour will be activated. The bluff has eroded about 90% of the last year's placed sand, the bluff is now in the Colma formation, a slightly more solid material than loose beach sand. There is continued erosion throughout the stretch. The City's consultant's (Moffat and Nichols) are doing an assessment section containing the quarystone revetment and how to maintain it during this interim period.

DPW is working with the ACE on the project management plan (PMP). They are confirming that the State money is still available and hope to execute the cost-sharing agreement. They are also developing the executive plan which will contain the following elements: completion criteria, constraints, project objectives, schedule, budget, risk management and success criteria. This report is a more public document than the PMP. It should be ready for the March meeting of the Task Force.

Peter Mull, ACE, said that they have appreciated the valuable input from the Task Force?they had received comments on the 905(b) report. This report was an internal ACE document that establishes a Federal interest in the project and it has been approved, so the ACE can move forward on the project. The PMP is a working document for the project team that identifies studies needed, etc. This can be modified as new information becomes available.

Peter then described the four phases of Civil Works projects: 1) reconnaissance,

where Federal interest is established and a cost-sharing agreement is arranged with a local sponsor; 2) feasibility, where viable alternatives are identified and evaluated, including an economic cost-benefit analysis and comparison to a 'no-action' alternative; 3) pre-engineering and design; 4) construction.

Peter then elaborated on the Feasibility phase. This project is authorized under the 1962 Rivers and Harbors Act, which states that projects are for storm damage reduction and protection of the shoreline. By law, the project alternative selected must show benefits to the public. The benefits are primarily calculated by a cost-benefit analysis that compares the cost of doing nothing, and the damage incurred, with the cost of the alternative. Most of the time the alternative with the most economic benefit is selected. The ACE analysis also considers ecological benefits, although in a separate "account". Benefits from this, such as restoration, can be used as supplementary information in choosing between alternatives. Overall, half of the economic benefits can be associated with recreation. ACE can consider relocation of infrastructure as an alternative, the study authorization (the River and Harbors Act) requires that storm damage reduction and shoreline protection be the motivation for the study and lastly, the alternatives considered must be viable, and that includes compliance with all laws, e.g., endangered species act. The executive report will contain this type of information in describing constraints of the project.

At the end of the Feasibility phase, an alternative will be recommended to Congress and the OMB. If approved then funding will be requested through a Congressional Act. If funding is approved, then project design and subsequent construction occurs. The Feasibility phase can take up to 3 years. There will be a public scoping meeting about 2 months into the Feasibility phase, where the project will be presented and possible alternatives discussed. There is also another opportunity for public input before the feasibility report is sent to ACE headquarters. Peter distributed a letter from ACE and the City thanking OBTF for its input on this process and clarifying the criteria by which the alternative is selected. This letter also showed a chart describing the project management.

Since there is a lot of interest in this, Lara proposed having a meeting next month to continue this discussion. It will be the first Wednesday of February, location to be determined. Peter will ask some of the economic analysts to attend to further explain how the cost-benefit analysis is done.

#### General comments

Jon Gervais from GGNRA said the National Park Service is having a public meeting March 18, 7pm at headquarters (Fort Mason, Bldg 201) to introduce their fire management policy. They will present some alternatives and have public comment. The superintendent will be there, so this would be a good time to tell NPS what you think, either in written or oral comments.

Q: Would this be a good place to present a petition regarding trash/fires?

A: NPS does not have a "petition process". We are bound by Federal laws, not state or local. We manage by Park guidelines and a series of direct orders. It would be helpful to get input from the public, and a petition would probably be good. It would be best to go to the meeting, and those who want to speak will have 3 minutes.

Q: What is the proposal?

A: NPS believes that fires on the beach present problems, and something needs to be done. We will present three options, 1) a permitting system, 2) education about the issues, and 3) a total ban on fires. We will need to weigh the benefits and costs of each, as well as the public support.

Q: Why doesn't GGNRA clean the beach more?

A: Fires on the beach can damage the beach cleaner, and it is expensive to fix. Also only certain areas of the beach can be cleaned (stairwell 1-24), but fires are anywhere. Jon will find out the status of beach cleaner and circulate information.

Q: Was the Task Force helpful with fire management discussion?

A: Yes. Also the Commission on the Environment resolution made it clear that fire

management should be a priority for us. How this issue is dealt with has competing interests, but the Task Force can help with brokering community involvement in the process.

Due to the lateness of the hour, only a short discussion was held on the identification of issues, which will be the Task Force homework. Suggestions were made to add water quality issues, law enforcement, shoreline management area (e.g., including beach, dunes, shoreline), and safety. Lara told the group that they should feel free to comment on any of these areas. The file should be saved with your name at end to help with compilation.

Meeting adjourned.





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## SF Environment

February 05, 2003 Special

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

The Ocean Beach Task Force is sponsoring a special meeting to discuss the US Army Corps of Engineers plan formulation, procedures and policies. USACE representatives include Peter Mull, project manager for the Ocean Beach Project, and Kevin Knight, chief economist. The USACE is currently beginning the feasibility phase for the erosion issue south of Sloat Boulevard.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, at 4 pm, at the Department of the Environment office (11 Grove St in San Francisco).

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## SF Environment

February 05, 2003

Ocean Beach Task Force Special Meeting February 5, 2003

Department of the Environment, 11 Grove St

Chaired by Sarah Wright

Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

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In attendance:

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Sarah Wright, OBTF member, Dept of Environment

Peter Mull, OBTF member, US Army Corps of Engineers

Mike Paquet, OBTF member, Surfrider Foundation

Lesley Ewing, OBTF member, California Coastal Commission

Chris Kern, OBTF member, California Coastal Commission

Mark Delaplaine, California Coastal Commission

Barry Pearl, PUC

Kevin Knight, US Army Corps of Engineers

Cindy Tejeda, US Army Corps of Engineers

Tom Kendall, US Army Corps of Engineers

Ilana Gauss, National Park Service

Sean Gibson, Surfrider

Bob Battalio, OBTF member

John Keating

Paul Horcher, Dept of Environment

The purpose of this meeting is to delve into the processes by which the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) will conduct the feasibility study and determine what is the most cost effective alternative for a long term solution for the erosion issue south of Sloat Boulevard. Representatives from ACE included staff involved in project management, economic analysis, and planning. Kevin Knight, an economist, began the discussion by describing the plan formulation during the feasibility process. He handed out a Planning Primer by the ACE that describe the 6 steps of planning: specify problems and alternatives, inventory and forecast conditions, formulate alternative plans, evaluate effects of alternative plans, compare alternative plans and select recommended plan. He emphasized that this process is iterative, and many of the steps will be addressed a number of times during the feasibility phase of the project.

The authority for the study is for the "protection of public facilities and other related purposes". Therefore in the cost-benefit analysis infrastructure protection benefits will be the primary consideration, with environmental and recreational benefits secondary. Recreation benefits are capped at 50% of total benefits. The environmental benefits go into a different account that is considered separately.

Other discussion points:

Conceptual issue of shoreline protection vs infrastructure protection, these are not necessarily the same thing.

Whether relocation is a viable alternative? Relocation can be an alternative that has a cost and benefit that can be evaluated. Can consider minor relocation vs major relocation of infrastructure/road etc.

Benefits calculated based on existing conditions and future, 50 year project life.

The feasibility study will consider other projects that are planned or happening in the area that would impact possible alternatives.

The recommended alternative generally has the greatest cost benefit ratio.

Restoration can be considered an economic benefit if it provides the shoreline/infrastructure protection, or reduction of risks/adverse impacts.

How to quantify future erosion potential, safety benefits, recreational benefits? ACE does not consider prevention of loss of life as a benefit.

Can an endpoint like beach width be a way to evaluate alternatives, eg is a measure of "safe access", both along the beach and to the beach?

The lessons learned from the construction of westside sewer transport boxes located north of Sloat. This project moved the Great Highway inland and created a linear dune system. This has proved successful in maintaining some of the shore/beach/dune processes. Can this information be incorporated into the feasibility study?

How is public support incorporated into the feasibility study? There are 4 criteria to evaluate the alternatives: completeness, effectiveness, efficiency and acceptability. Acceptability includes all public input. There is a documented public process.

Where are we in the process? A federal interest has been found in the project, the project management plan is being finalized, including the cost sharing agreement, and then we will

officially enter the feasibility phase. The public can help by lobbying for money. It is possible the feasibility phase may get tied up in the budget process.

The Coastal Commission role in the process is more of a regulatory function, but they would be willing to look over plans ahead of time to ensure they are in compliance with their policies.

The PUC does not currently consider the Lake Merced Transport Box (located under the Western edge of the Great Highway) in need of improvement.







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## SF Environment

March 05, 2003

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

There is a meeting of the Ocean Beach Task Force on Wednesday March 5, 6pm at San Francisco's City Hall, Room 421. This meeting is open to any interested people.

We will be discussing the management manual.

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## SF Environment

March 05, 2003

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting March 5, 2003

City Hall, Room 421

Chaired by Lara Truppelli

Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

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Roberto Anima, United States Geological Society

Marc Beezy, OBTF member

John Keating

Ilana Gauss

The meeting began with introductions. We reviewed the January minutes. Two amendments were requested: 1) add Marc Beezy to attendance list and 2) add Jared Blumenfeld's acknowledgement and appreciation of Sarah's work with the Task Force. Marc Beezy made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Alan Hopkins and approved unanimously.

Lara read the vision statement and stated that this is what is informing the work of the Task Force.

"The vision for Ocean Beach is to enhance and preserve this valuable urban\natural resource by making recommendations for an accountable, pro-active, multi-agency, holistic and coordinated management philosophy that prioritizes Ocean Beach's environmental sustainability and health balanced with the reasonable needs of public access and enjoyment."



Sarah then discussed the meeting in February that was held to discuss the process of the Army Corps Feasibility study south of Sloat Boulevard. There were ACE representatives from project management, planning and economic analysis. They gave an overview of the general process of project planning, and stated that process is an iterative one, with opportunities for public input. In this meeting we also discussed how the Corps does the cost-benefit analysis for the different alternatives. The study authorization is for "shoreline and infrastructure protection" thus the alternatives will be considered primarily in this light. Restoration and relocation can be considered as alternatives, as long as they will provide the benefit of shoreline/infrastructure protection. Sarah will circulate abbreviated minutes to this meeting.

Q: What is the budget situation with this project?

A: It is our understanding that the City's portion of the Feasibility study will come from the 1 million dollars already granted from Dept of Boating and Waterways. ACE could have some budget concerns, and the Task Force or individuals may want to lobby our Congresspeople to support this project. In terms of maintaining City money for other Ocean Beach issues, we may want to lobby the supervisors. Sarah will follow-up with Cathy Garza in Supervisor Newsom's office to see when the City budget hearings will occur.

Lara reviewed the March agenda from last meeting. In it we were to review compiled lists of needs for issue areas and make any additions and then prioritize issues. She suggested we would review the list of issues, but not prioritize them at this time. Our time is better spent compiling the issues and contact information. We also will not spend time discussing solutions; rather we will try to provide status on the issues. There were some notices in neighborhood papers, so public input is still welcome. We will try and develop a website, both for input and a place to find out the status of issues. Sarah will look into what the Dept of Environment can do about this. We also would encourage other groups, Surfrider and the Ultimate Frisbee group, to ask for input on any Ocean Beach issues.

The rest of the meeting was spent going over the grid of Ocean Beach issues.

1. Jurisdictional Map of Ocean Beach area
2. Shore, Beach and Dune Management
3. erosion control
4. dune/beach restoration

Jurisdictional boundaries

Land ownership

Location of infrastructure (e.g. sewer pipes)

Location of services (e.g. restrooms, trash, and crosswalks)

Discussion: the ACE will likely be making a map for the Feasibility study, perhaps that can be of use here, although it may not be of the whole area. There are various maps already available, e.g. a recreation map from GGNRA, also a map with crosswalks, stoplights etc also the USGS topo maps. We may also want to check with the Coastal Commission. At this time the best thing to do is compile all the maps that are currently available, and not try to create another one with everything on it. There was also a question of what the names of the rocks are near Cliff House. This would be useful for birdwatchers.

Sarah will check with Frank/DPW for status of their map

Roberto will obtain the USGS topo maps, also aerials if available

Hana has map with crosswalks, stoplights etc

Alan will try and find out names of seal rocks

Discussion: This area too large for us to cover properly. For now, erosion control in the south of Sloat area is being studied by the ACE Feasibility study. Now there is no plan for erosion control at other areas on Beach. The dunes created for the Westside sewage plant are adequately protecting some areas. There was also mention of native plant restoration in some areas. Since dunes are active, hard to maintain them. Access can change with shifting sands. Studies of beach profile over time could help people understand that the beach changes.

Alan will find out about native plant restoration work and the organizations

Roberto will check with SFSU Geology Dept to see if students could study beach processes/profile and make that data available

Sarah will talk to Bob Battalio about previous studies of Beach processes

1. Wildlife Protection
2. Beach Bonfires
3. Beach and Promenade Trash/Recycling
4. Windblown sand on road/promenade
5. Water Quality
6. Access
7. Safety
8. Public facilities
9. Law Enforcement
10. Recreational Opportunities at Ocean Beach
11. Education/Signage

Endangered species (state and Federal listed species)

Other species of concern

Habitat concerns, on and offshore

Discussion: Again a large topic, we decided it was best to develop a list of agencies and organizations and what resources they have.

Alan will look into this as well.

This is the subject of the GGNRA meeting on 3/18. Jon Gervais handed out the agenda for this meeting. It is at Fort Mason, Bldg 201 First Floor. The meeting starts at 7pm this agenda item is scheduled for 7:50pm.

Coordinated collection at Ocean Beach

Improved receptacles for containing trash and promoting recycling

Recycling

Hazardous trash

Beach Cleanups

Eroded structures—e.g. rubble and concrete pilings

Discussion: There was a meeting in October, 2002 with reps from GGNRA, Dept of Rec and

Parks and DPW about trash pickup at Ocean Beach. These groups were supposed to circulate information on each of their service levels and locations. Regarding the beach cleanups, it would be good if the all the groups doing cleanups could coordinate through GGNRA, perhaps a calendar could be made. The large beach trash, rubble and pilings, is a different type of trash.

Sarah will check with Kevin Drew (DENV) and Mohammed Neru (DPW) to see status of list of trash pickups.

Jon said Tim White is the GGNRA coordinator of beach cleanups.

Who handles this?

What do they do with the sand?

Discussion: DPW handles this.

Sewer overflows

Information on water quality

Discussion: The PUC deals with checking water quality at Beach. There is a water quality hotline. Surfrider also does some monitoring. Coast Guard and NOAA may also have information. On the Surfrider website there are links to bluewater task force and earth911.

Location and types of access/maintenance of access

Mass transit access

Parking lots

Bicycle access and parking

Disabled access

Pedestrian access

Discussion: Here we will compile list of access points and types.

On promenade

On beach

Traffic/pedestrian safety

Restrooms

Doggy bags/dispensers

Emergency telephones

Discussion: Lara said installation of these facilities would be best discussed at the Ocean Beach Partnership meeting.

Who has jurisdiction?

Discussion: This kind of information could go on a map perhaps.

Fishing

Walking/dogwalking

Surfing

Swimming (not recommended)

Horseback riding

Frisbee, volleyball etc

Bird watching

Discussion: When we develop a website for the Ocean Beach issues, we can also include information on recreation at Ocean Beach. Good way to tie in Ocean Beach with other stuff nearby, e.g. the Zoo, Fort Funston.

Safety

Wildlife

School programs

Respect for the Beach (Surfrider)

Meeting adjourned







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## SF Environment

May 07, 2003

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

The next Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at City Hall, Room 201 starting at 6 pm.

The meeting will include the discussion of native plant restoration and wildlife for the Ocean Beach area. Other topics include the proposal involving the removal of sand from the promenade between Noriega to Santiago Streets in order to increase access along the walkway and decrease maintenance work.

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## SF Environment

May 07, 2003

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting May 7, 2003

City Hall, Room 201

Chaired by Lara Truppelli

Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

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#### In attendance:

Frank Filice, OBTF member, Dept of Public Works

Lara Truppelli, Chair, OBTF

Sarah Wright, OBTF member, Dept of Environment

Mike Paquet, OBTF member, Surfrider Foundation

Lesley Ewing, OBTF member, California Coastal Commission

Roberto Anima, United States Geological Society

Marc Beezy, OBTF member

Stephanie Teel

Michelle Pappe, Surfrider

James Maclachlan, PUC

Lara opened the meeting with introductions, followed by approval of minutes (motion by Marc Beezy, seconded by Michelle Pappe, unanimously approved). The agenda is member reports, followed by discussion of the management grid. Lara then reviewed the mission statement, for those who have not been at recent meetings.

“The vision for Ocean Beach is to enhance and preserve this valuable urban\natural resource by making recommendations for an accountable, pro-active, multi-agency, holistic and coordinated management philosophy that prioritizes Ocean Beach’s environmental sustainability and health balanced with the reasonable needs of public access and enjoyment.”

#### Member reports:

Sarah Wright reviewed the meeting held March 19, by GGNRA to discuss possible options for bonfires on Ocean Beach. GGNRA feels that there are enough negative impacts of bonfires on Ocean Beach (e.g., hazardous debris, air pollution, and rowdy parties) that they would like to implement some policies.



They presented several options, including education, requiring permits, limitations on where they can occur and an outright ban on bonfires. Public comment on the issue was mostly pro bonfires, many people pointing out that there are no guidelines for bonfires, and that only a few are ruining it for all. Others showed pictures of the debris encountered after the fires, and asked for some enforcement. GGNRA will continue to take public comment. Jon Gervais, who made the presentation, said it would be helpful if the Task Force wanted to propose signage about bonfires, that would then be reviewed by GGNRA.

Q: Other communities use fire rings, is this a possibility here?

A: The sand movement is too dramatic to make this practical. The sand level can change 6-10 feet at times.

James, Stephanie, Lara and Sarah volunteered to work on educational signage about bonfires. Sarah will do a web search to see if other places have made rules, and then the group will get together to make some drafts. Mike Paquet reviewed a meeting at SFPUC regarding the permit renewal for discharges at the Oceanside Treatment plant. The plant has dramatically reduced the number of overflows, at the cost of about 1.6 billion (to build plant). There are occasional overflows when there is severe wet weather because San Francisco has a combined sewer and stormwater drains.

Mike suggested to the PUC that they included wording in permit about developing more soft solutions to divert some of the runoff, to help prevent overwhelming the treatment plant during severe wet weather. The SF Master Plan is currently being revised, and a citizen's advisory group is being formed to try and incorporate some of these ideas in the Master Plan.

Frank Filice updated us on the status of the erosion area South of Sloat Blvd. Eleven beach posts have been installed in the 3000 feet from Sloat to Fort Funston. These are placed every 300 feet, and will be used to monitor the bluff position and beach level.

Q: Is there any signage explaining the purpose of the poles?

A: No. Since it is on the beach, GGNRA could be consulted about putting educational information about the poles, and the project.

Frank then described the sand removal project that will be occurring on the promenade from Noreiga to Rivera. The sand has built up to the level of the walkway there, and in order to reduce the cost of keeping the walkway clear for access, DPW, with GGNRA's approval, will excavate sand 10 feet deep and 25 feet wide. The sand will be trucked down the road and placed on the beach south of Sloat, in the area where sand nourishment previously occurred. The project has been approved by the Coastal Commission, and is scheduled to start around May 15. There will be a joint press release, from DPW and GGNRA,

describing the project. The southbound lanes of Great Highway will be closed for about two weeks.

Lesley Ewing described some Coastal Commission documents that are available. One is a curriculum for K-8 students entitled Waves, Water and Watersheds. Copies can be obtained by calling 415-904-5200. This curriculum was developed for teacher training. The State Resources agency has a draft of a document dealing with shoreline policies, erosion hazard avoidance on a statewide level. It may change the definition of "existing structures". This is out for public comment and review until the end of May. She also mentioned there is a State Assembly bill that attempts to legislate some of the principles and policies in the Resources agency document. It is not clear what the final result will be of both these things will be. The document can be found on this website: [www.ceres.ca.gov/cra/ocean](http://www.ceres.ca.gov/cra/ocean).

We then began the discussion of the grid. We are going to create a website with this information. The Department of the Environment has agreed to host the site. We will also have links to the various agencies. The group then discussed some of the topics. Some topics were deferred until later.

**Jurisdictional Maps:** Frank has provided large maps of the area. Roberto also brought in the USGS topographical maps of Ocean Beach. It is not clear where some of the ownership boundaries are. NPS has created a map that delineates the boundary between City property and the GGNRA. Jurisdictional boundaries are not the same as ownership.

**Erosion Control:** Roberto contacted Lisa White, head of the Geology Dept at San Francisco State University (SFSU) to discuss possibility of students becoming involved in data collection at Ocean Beach. Roberto said they were interested in this, but as always, some support may be necessary. There are some graduate students who may be interested in studying seasonal variations in shoreline. If students did collect data, that could be part of the website. Mike Paquet will be a contact for the students, to discuss old reports etc.

**Management Plans:** Lara proposed adding a section to the grid that covered Management Plans. This could include the SF Master Plan (Western Shoreline Plan), as well as GGNRA's general management plan, the Coastal Commission plans etc.

**Wildlife:** This section will be a list of agencies/organizations. Sarah will check with Alan re the status of this.

**Bonfires:** Policies on bonfires is being considered at NPS currently, a working group from the Task Force will help out in developing educational materials to use.

**Trash:** There is an effort to coordinate the agencies involved in trash collection at Ocean Beach. Michelle has volunteered to follow-up on this.

**Beach Cleanups:** GGNRA is the primary organization responsible for

coordinating these cleanups. Surfrider and other groups regularly do the cleanups. Sarah will contact Ilana and see if she can assemble the information about this from GGNRA.

Public infrastructure: Frank volunteered to find out what information DPW has for this section.

Access: Lesley reported that the Coastal Commission has put out a new coastal access guide for the whole state.

We will continue to assemble the information and fill out the grid. Once we begin to have this information, we will start to develop the website. All Task Force members and attendees are invited to contribute information etc to help fill out the grid.

Meeting adjourned.





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## SF Environment

July 02, 2003

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 2, 6pm (Room 201, City Hall) The agenda is below:

- 1) Introductions/review May minutes
- 2) Review website outline
- 3) Discuss Ocean Beach resolution
- 4) Discuss Ocean Beach Partnership meeting
- 5) Discuss community involvement
- 6) Future of the Task Force

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## SF Environment

July 02, 2003

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

#### Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting July 2, 2003

City Hall, Room 201

Chaired by Lara Truppelli

Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

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In attendance:

Bob Battalio, Physical Processes Subcommittee

Lara Truppelli, Chair Ocean Beach Task Force

Sarah Wright

Jon Gervais, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee

Michelle Pappe, Surfrider

Chris Kern, California Coastal Commission

Kylie Grenier

Lara opened the meeting with introductions. Motion to approve minutes by Sarah Wright, seconded by Michelle Pappe, all in favor.

Lara gave an update on the sand removal project that happened in front of the Ocean Beach Promenade, from Noriega to Rivera. The sand was continually building up on the promenade, and it got reported to Chronicle Watch. The Department of Public Works (DPW) and Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) worked together to develop a plan to remove sand from in front of the promenade and place in the eroded section south of Sloat Boulevard. The plan was presented to the Coastal Commission and approved.

Q: What about the snowy plovers in the area?

A: It was a late year for the Plovers, GGNRA staff surveyed the area until the plovers were gone for 1 week, and then gave the OK to begin the project. So the project did not start until June.

23,000 cubic yards of sand were removed and placed in the erosion area. While the promenade/seawall is incompatible with dunes, the purpose of the promenade is a public access point.

Lara then discussed the Commission on the Environment resolution, and how to move that forward. Supervisor Ma is willing to make a Board resolution to address the general issues in the resolution. One significant component is having the San Francisco Department of the Environment partner with DPW in the erosion study with the Army Corps of Engineers. The point is to try and institutionalize the environment's voice in this process.

The group then worked on the draft resolution for Supervisor Ma, the final text of what we submitted is at end of minutes.

We briefly discussed the Ocean Beach website that Sarah is putting together.

Meeting adjourned.

## DRAFT Resolution [ep1]

## Ocean Beach

COMMENDING THE OCEAN BEACH TASK FORCE; AND THE OCEAN BEACH PARTNERSHIP, REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT AND REGULATORY AGENCIES: GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (GGNRA), SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (SFE), SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW), SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS (DRP), CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION (CCC), PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC), AND THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (ACE) FOR THEIR PRIORITIZATION OF OCEAN BEACH AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO PRESERVATION OF THIS NATURAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCE AND URGING THE OCEAN BEACH PARTNERSHIP TO ACTIVELY PRIORITIZE AND ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES OF OCEAN BEACH CONCERNING EROSION, NATURAL RESOURCES, RECREATION, TRASH & RECYCLING AND AESTHETIC ISSUES.

WHEREAS, Ocean Beach is the largest urban beach in Northern California, and

WHEREAS, Ocean Beach, which is managed under the guidelines of the National Park Service as part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, is a significant recreational and natural resource for the citizens of San Francisco, and

WHEREAS, Ocean Beach is an important tourist destination for people throughout the Bay Area, California and visitors from other States and Countries, and

WHEREAS, Ocean Beach is home to various native plants and animals including protected species of the Bay Area whose survival depends upon a healthy ecosystem, and

WHEREAS, individual, community, and civic stewardship of Ocean Beach is essential to attaining a state of environmental health and preservation, and



WHEREAS, Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. appointed the Ocean Beach Task Force in January 2000 to address and preserve the environmental well-being of Ocean Beach, and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Beach Task Force has been working over the last three years to identify challenges and present solutions for erosion, natural resource, recreation and aesthetic issues at Ocean Beach, and

WHEREAS, erosion is a significant issue at Ocean Beach and is most severe south of Sloat Boulevard where infrastructure has been placed within the zone of natural beach fluctuations, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted a resolution urging the Department of Public Works to take necessary measures to protect the public safety, health, welfare, and property of the citizens of San Francisco with regard to the dangerous condition created by erosion of protective sand dunes at Ocean Beach along the Great Highway, and

WHEREAS, accessibility to Ocean Beach is hindered because there is currently one disabled ramp, and

WHEREAS, the O'Shaughnessy seawall is a significant historical structure that provides critical access to the beach and is in a dangerous state of disrepair, and

WHEREAS, there are safety hazards and a large amount of trash and debris that result from bonfires, residual burning logs and nails, and

WHEREAS, sand on the walkways and promenade can be an obstacle and potentially a safety hazard for beach users, and

WHEREAS, sand accumulation on the seawall from Balboa Street to Lincoln Way and the promenade from Noriega Street to Santiago Street is an ongoing issue, and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Beach Partnership is currently proposing a change in garbage handling now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the Ocean Beach Partnership to promote respect and stewardship for Ocean Beach, and establish and achieve coordinated management and preservation of Ocean Beach by creating a web page that serves as an intra-agency, interagency and community resource by addressing educational, environmental, community stewardship and public relations components that include but are not limited to:

1. Improving wildlife protection by
  - a) Initiating a program that discusses protection for all species and includes a habitat restoration and conservation plan
  - b) Maintaining support for current efforts and measures to protect wildlife at Ocean Beach, especially for the Snowy Plover and protected species
2. Increasing recycling and reducing beach litter by
  - a) Installing PLEASE RECYCLE AND DO NOT LITTER signs
    1. Providing more trash receptacles that promote recycling, while prohibiting scavengers and neighborhood dumping
    2. Implementing a coordinated approach to trash and recycling management among the agencies (DPW, GGNRA, SFE and DRP) who are responsible.
    3. Increasing enforcement from both the Federal Law Enforcement and San Francisco Police Department
3. Providing better access to recreation areas by
  1. Creating awareness of alternative transit to Ocean Beach

2. Requiring the Department of Parking and Traffic to designate
3. Urging the Ocean Beach Partnership to improve the ability of disabled patrons to enjoy the beach.
4. Recognizing the importance of the O'Shaughnessy seawall for the City

handicapped parking near the existing disabled access ramp

and visitors and urging the Federal Government to prioritize the rehabilitation of this structure.

4. Reducing the negative impacts of beach fires by

1. supporting the GGNRA's effort to address the fire issue and create an

effective system that reduces those impacts and recognizing that this is an important priority to the City

1. Addressing the following public facilities issues

- a)Improving existing restroom facilities and installing additional restrooms in needed areas, such as the O'Shaughnessy Seawall
- b)Adding emergency telephones at Ocean Beach because of active surf and expanding other telephone service
- c)Installing dog trash bags/receptacles

1. Addressing physical processes and natural resources at Ocean Beach by
2. Cleaning remaining hazards around Sloat Boulevard including underwater piers and rubble on the beach that has migrated from the cliff face
3. Restoring the interior and exterior portion of the eroded, unsightly and dangerous sewer outfall structures at Ocean Beach

developing a long term plan

9. Developing a community stewardship program by

1. Creating and implementing an outreach and public relations program

that promotes the stewardship, preservation and restoration of Ocean Beach; and,

b) Requesting SFE to develop and host a comprehensive Ocean Beach web page.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges Department of Public Works and Department of the Environment to sign-on as "co-lead Agencies" in representing the City and County of San Francisco as the local sponsor with the Army Corps of Engineers in the Ocean Beach erosion control project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the Ocean Beach Partnership to create a Memorandum of Understanding informing the development of a common vision and a coordinated management plan that is:

1. Based on the contents of this resolution, and
2. Is consistent with The Sustainability Plan for the City of San Francisco, and
3. Is consistent with a holistic approach to natural resource management and habitat preservation; erosion control and restoration and revitalization of recreation and access, and
4. Balance the interests of users with the need for regulation of beach use.

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## SF Environment

September 10, 2003

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

**The Ocean Beach Task Force will be meeting on Wednesday, September 10, at 6pm.**

**Please note we are meeting at the Beach Chalet Restaurant (1000 Great Highway), NOT at the Sunset Nursery.**

**This meeting will include a detailed discussion of the Ocean Beach website in draft format.**

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## SF Environment

September 10, 2003

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Ocean Beach Task Force Meeting September 10, 2003

Beach Chalet/Ocean Beach

Chaired by Lara Truppelli

Minutes taken by Sarah Wright

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In attendance:

Bob Battalio, Physical Processes Subcommittee

Lara Truppelli, Chair Ocean Beach Task Force

Sarah Wright, OBTF

Jon Gervais, Natural Res/Rec and Access Subcommittee

Lesley Ewing, California Coastal Commission

Eliot Helman

Alan Hopkins, Golden Gate Audubon Society

Angela Sagabaen, SFSU student

Marc Beezy, OBTF member

Ilana Gauss, GGNRA

Frank Filice, DPW



David Ferguson

Sean Gibson, Surfrider

Christine Falvey, DPW, Public Affairs

John Keating

Lara opened the meeting with introductions and a brief review of the Task Force's purpose and accomplishments. While the Task Force has been highly successful in informing and educating both the community and agencies of the responsibilities and issues at Ocean Beach, now it is time for the agencies to deal with these issues. Lara has spoken with the Mayor, and he is supportive of bringing environmental issues into the City policies. The Ocean Beach Partnership is a group of agency leaders (DPW, SFE, DRP, CCC, PUC, GGNRA, ACE) that will create a memorandum of understanding regarding the coordination of management/maintenance at Ocean Beach. The Task Force in its current incarnation is therefore beginning to wrap up. We are developing a website based on many of the things discussed in our meetings that can serve as an informational and educational resource. Lara said she may revive the Friends of Ocean Beach group to serve as an advocate for community involvement with Ocean Beach issues.

Q: There still seems to be a need for a venue for agencies to communicate—for example DRP is doing some plantings around Taraval St that could be considered invasive, and not something that GGNRA would necessarily like to spread on the beach. How can this sort of issue be dealt with?

A: This type of information could be put on the website, as things that are happening around Ocean Beach. Then, perhaps with a wider audience, there could be feedback/comments to the appropriate agencies that this may be of concern.

Lara then discussed the resolution from Supervisor Ma. The Task Force had submitted a draft resolution (see last month's minutes), but the actual resolution that Supervisor Ma submitted was only a commendation of the Task Force (the text of this is at the end of the minutes). The Task Force's resolution had specific issues, as well as

requesting that the Environment Dept and DPW be co-lead agencies on the erosion study. Supervisor Ma had suggested she would communicate the specific issues in a letter to the Ocean Beach Partnership.

Several members expressed concern that there was no notification that the resolution had changed and was missing the key component of the co lead agencies.

#### Member announcements

Lesley Ewing said the big Coastal Cleanup is on Saturday September 20, 2003, 9 am to noon. She handed out flyers and posters and encouraged all to attend. She also made a plea for some volunteers to coordinate cleanup people. If interested contact Eben Schwarz ([eschwartz@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:eschwartz@coastal.ca.gov))

Bob Battalio reported that there is a UC Berkeley PhD student, Frances Smith, doing measurements on riptides at Ocean Beach. Bob asked if the group would be interested in having him come to a meeting and present some of his findings, and also if anybody wanted to come out and help measure the riptides, and also if anyone had ideas for grant money for the research.

Alan Hopkins said there will be a quail habitat restoration day on November 15 at the new Harding Golf course. This is going to be a "restorathon", you can sponsor somebody or work yourself. They are going to create quail habitat in the out of bounds areas. The quail is now the official San Francisco City bird. (not the pigeon, as some suggested)

David Ferguson reported that GGNRA law enforcement response has been not prompt, and encouraged people to call the commander at the main dispatch in the Presidio to help get a quicker response to law enforcement issues on the beach.

Jonathan Gervais told the group that he was leaving his current position with GGNRA for another job with the NPS regional office. He said he really enjoyed working with the Task Force and encouraged us to continue the work. He also updated us on the draft bonfire policy. The draft plan will likely include restrictions on where bonfires can be (the area in front of Golden Gate Park), and permits may be required for all fires, and that fires be put out with ocean water. These rules will likely be rolled out sometime in the winter. Jon then commented that the coordination of trash collection with the three agencies responsible was started and hopefully will continue, and he said that the GGNRA would like to see an ecologically sound solution for the south of Sloat erosion area. Lara warmly thanked Jon for all his contributions and said he was a great example of the public face of an agency and demonstrated the commitment of the agency to this work, and that his work with the Task Force was much appreciated.

Q: What about the beach cleaner?

A: As far as I know it's working. You can contact Dan Coleman (Roads and Trails) or Don Mannel (Head of Maintenance)

Q: What about the GGNRA logo for Ocean Beach?

A: Lara said Jared had just asked Brian O'Neill about that, and it is supposed to be done sometime this fall.

Frank Filice gave a brief update of the ACE erosion study. They are writing a draft resolution accepting the cost sharing agreement between the City and the ACE. Once the PMP is done, the resolution will be submitted. Frank thinks there will be an agency stakeholder meeting perhaps sometime this fall to develop a joint problem statement. Agencies that may be included would be the DPW, DRP, GGNRA, ACE, SFE, PUC, CCC. Lara requested a copy of the resolution prior to submission to the Board. She also requested copies of any other public documents relating to this process.

The group then went over the draft website developed by Sarah. If you have more detailed comments email them to Sarah. We agreed to meet next month to go over the website again.

Meeting adjourned.









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## SF Environment

November 05, 2003

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

The Ocean Beach Task Force will be meeting on Wednesday, 11/5 (location to be determined) at 6pm. Our draft agenda is the following:

- 1) Review the GGNRA draft regulations on bonfires on Ocean Beach. A GGNRA staff member will present the proposed rules for bonfires. We have also invited several community groups to join us in this review.
- 2) Review the Ocean Beach webpage
- 3) Review the City's cost sharing agreement with the Army Corps for the South of Sloat erosion study. We will also review the draft Board of Supervisor's resolution authorizing the City's portion of the cost sharing agreement.

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## SF Environment

February 04, 2004

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

Dear Ocean Beach Task Force members and friends,

We will be meeting on **Wednesday, Feb 4 at 6pm** at the Beach Chalet (1000 Great Highway near Fulton). We will be viewing the new Ocean Beach website, discussing the status of the Task Force and our future plans. Additionally there will be an update on the Army Corps study as well as discussion of the November Ocean Beach Partnership meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## SF Environment

May 05, 2004 Special

### Department of the Environment

#### Meetings

#### Ocean Beach Task Force

#### CALIFORNIA COASTAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN PROJECT

*A collaborative effort led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Pacific Division*

*and the California Resources Agency*

#### *SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WORKSHOP*

**Wednesday, May 5, 2004**

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Benicia Room, lower level at the

Hiram Johnson Building

455 Golden Gate Ave.

(between Polk St. and Larkin St., Civic Center Bart Station)

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### **AGENDA**

1. Introductions and Workshop Purpose

Steve Sachs, Master Plan Public Outreach Coordinator

2. Introduction to the Sediment Master Plan: Objectives and Process

Steve Sachs

3. Status of Sediment Master Plan Work Elements

Clif Davenport, Master Plan Project Manager

California Department of Boating and Waterways

4. Related Activities in the San Francisco Bay Area

Representatives from the Ocean Beach Task Force and

the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

5. Comments and Recommendations on the Sediment Master Plan

Workshop Attendees: What are the Issues and Needs the Master Plan Should Address  
for the San Francisco Bay Area?

Distribution of Questionnaire for Written Feedback

6. Next Steps, Continuing Communication and Involvement

Steve Sachs, All Workshop Participants

**Adjourn**

